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Marion Police Investigate Auto Break-ins

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

Marion Police are reminding residents to keep their cars locked and portable electronics secure after they received reports of several automobile break-ins in the areas of Joanne Drive and Quail's Crossing Road.

The break-ins occurred in the late evening hours of Saturday, January 16 and the early morning hours of Sunday, January 17. Items taken include GPS units, and other assorted "electronic accessories."

Since all of the cars that were burglarized had been left unlocked by their owners, Marion police are asking residents to lock their cars and secure all valuable items as a precautionary measure. Items like GPS devices, iPods, cell phones and money should not be left in plain sight.

This case remains under investigation by Detective Scott Smith. Anyone with information should contact Det. Smith at the Marion Police Station: 508-748-1212.

Above: *Matt Gurney, center, receives a certificate of appreciation for participating in the Dine-Out event that raised $1,100 for Tri-Town preschoolers. Jennifer Dumas, Lisa MacKenzie, Kathy Bliss, and Heidi Dubreuil from Project GROW thanked Mr. Gurney for his generosity. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.*

Above: *Members from Old Rochester's Project GROW present Matt Renaud, Vinny Williams and Shauna Panzi with a certificate of appreciation for their involvement in the Dine-Out event that raised $1,100 for Tri-Town preschoolers. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.*

On the Cover: *Senior Natasha Meere rocks out to Green Day and AFI at the January 14, 2010 Talent Show at Old Rochester Regional High School. Admission fees for this concert went to the Old Rochester Professional Educators Association Scholarship. Photo by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.*

Mattapoisett Mystery Writer Dies at 77

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

Famed mystery writer and former Mattapoisett resident Robert B. Parker died at his desk in Cambridge, Ma. from natural causes, on January 18, 2010.

Mr. Parker was most well-known for creating the witty, no-nonsense Boston private eye named Spenser. The "Spenser" series of crime novels

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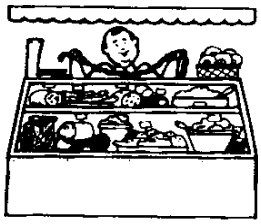

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was later adapted into a popular ABC show named "Spenser: for Hire" from 1985 to 1988, starring Robert Urich.

Spanning thirty-eight novels, Spenser was one of Mr. Parker's most popular series, but it was just one of many characters that he developed. Other character series included the Jesse Stone series, the Philip Marlowe series, and several other novels ranging from westerns to epic stories. Mr. Parker also created a character named Sunny Randall as a request from Hollywood actress Helen Hunt, who wanted to be able to play a role in a Parker mystery. Although the character never spun off into a movie, it still created another mystery popular series. In all, Mr. Parker produced over fifty novels in his lifetime, proving that he wasn't just a popular writer, but a prolific one, too.

Although Mr. Parker was born in Springfield, Ma., he spent a great deal of time in Mattapoisett as a child, and attended Center School. His novels include details from the Tri-Town, showing that the six years he spent in Mattapoisett as a child had a deep impact on his creative process.

Mr. Parker visited Mattapoisett in 2005 for a book signing at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and attended an assembly at the Center School, from which he graduated in 1947. When Kenneth Souza interviewed Mr. Parker for *The Wanderer* in 2005, Mr. Parker remarked on how little Mattapoisett had physically changed in the 50 years since he lived there. "Even though I only spent 6 of my seventy-two years [in Mattapoisett]," said Mr. Parker, "it always seemed to me the place where I grew up. I remember it well ... and I came back… for a reunion with the Center School group and the town has not changed much."

Besides being a writer and professor during his career, Mr. Parker also formed a Boston-area independent film company named Pearl Productions with his wife Joan. Twice in his lifetime, Mr. Parker won the coveted Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America, and in 2008, received a Gumshoe Lifetime Achievement award from Mystery Ink magazine.

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Commission Addresses the Bonney House

By Sarah K. Taylor

The Rochester Historical Commission met on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The committee members included Debra Ladd, Gloria Vincent, Bob Mogilnicki, Roland Grenier, Carolyn Gilmore and Mark Petri.

At 7:10 pm the meeting was opened by Debra Ladd and a motion was made to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted by the Committee.

The first and central order of business was the recent renovations of the Historic George Bonney House at 7 Marion Rd. The architect, Dan Gifford, was asked to

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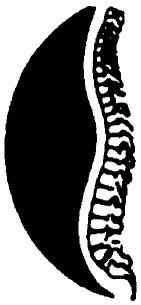

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come before the Committee to address some violations he had allegedly made to the approved contract. The Committee accused Mr. Gifford of making these changes to the plan without first requesting permission. The Committee had received complaints from residents as well as Committee members regarding the nature of the work being done on the Bonney House without the Town's prior approval.

Ms. Ladd read aloud a letter from Mr. Gifford, which stated he felt that he was not in violation of the agreement. He had made an offer for the Committee members to visit at any time and the offer still stands. The letter stated that the invitation to inspect, according to Mr. Gifford, had been declined. Mr. Gifford wrote that they are "faithfully restoring the building," and the changes made had to do with water damage and leaking which they discovered while under construction. He ended the letter with "we are very proud of our project."

The Committee's response to the letter was to hold this very meeting.

Ms. Ladd stated in response, "the plans were completely different than the plans submitted to the building inspector. You did make changes before coming back before the Commission. That's the problem."

Mr. Gifford said, "My understanding is that we didn't do anything significantly different." Apparently there was a fireplace discovered along the way, which Mr. Gifford wanted to feature as well.

Ms. Ladd again reiterated that, "the process was not followed." She addressed the invitation to visit the property, which was offered while she and Ms. Vincent were photographing the house (although they were not on the property itself) but declined the invitation after being "threatened by the owner that day."

The owner, Mr. Tom Skrutski was present at the meeting and defended his actions and claimed that he feels the Commission is against his project. "I have a witness. I don't remember ever threatening you." Ms. Ladd responded that she is "thrilled that it's being restored. I absolutely never, ever wanted to shut down the project." Again the miscommunication seems to be the heart of the problem. The Commission wants all changes

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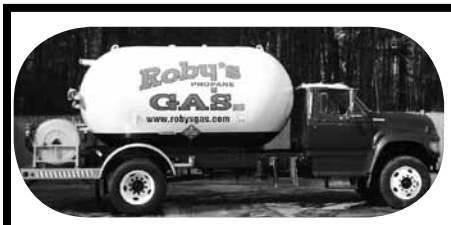

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to be presented to them before any action is taken, which will allow the owner and architect to follow the correct course of action while restoring the George Bonney house, which is regarded as important to the Town of Rochester.

Another potential change to the plan is the restoration of the porch, which there may not be adequate funds to complete after all. This is due to the expensive sprinkler system being required by state and local inspectors.

After the Bonney House discussion came to a close, the Commission members elected officers, and unanimously appointed Debra Ladd as Chairperson and Gloria Vincent as secretary. The meeting was then adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Southcoast to Discuss Charter School

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A preliminary discussion will be held at the Carver Public Library on January 26 at 6:30 pm to discuss the possibility of pursuing a charter high school for Southeastern Massachusetts.

In this informational session, area parents and students will gather to discuss the benefits and scope of a Southeastern Massachusetts charter high school, which could offer an educational alternative to Tri-Town students.

This meeting is being organized by Middleboro resident Natalie White, whose son currently attends Sturgis High School in Hyannis, which is a charter school. Ms. White said that it often takes several years for a charter school to get "up and running," so this meeting will be purely informational and will gather how many people in the area are interested in such a school.

Charter schools are widely contested and often misunderstood. They are not "private" schools – charter schools are funded completely by the state. They came into existence as a way to offer alternatives to families with

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special needs and varying educational philosophies. Charter schools operate independently of school districts, so they are governed by the state. For this reason, only "strong and viable" applications are considered, according to MassCharterSchools.org.

The misconception of charter schools being "private" stems from the fact that, when families opt to send their students to a charter school, their allocated tax monies that otherwise would have gone to the school district, instead goes to the "charter." The state partially reimburses the school districts that receive less money for student enrollment, though the reimbursement dwindles with each year the student picks charter over district.

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into existence was to provide the opportunity for urban and "at-risk" students to obtain the quality education they need to transcend their disadvantages. They are also beneficial to children who need a higher teacher-to-student ratio for individualized attention. Latin, which tends to be a forgotten language in high school nowadays, is a strongly encouraged subject in most charter schools.

In 1993, an Education Reform Act launched charter schools as an alternative for public education. Since charter schools are publically funded, they are open to all, but when necessary, they use a "lottery" system to select area students for matriculation. Over half of national charter schools have a waiting list, and many won't accept new upperclassmen.

Ms. White was slightly apprehensive about discussing the charter school topic, since she knows that the issue is somewhat controversial. "It's a hot button topic," said Ms. White. "This is just a meeting to gauge interest… there is no official plan yet." One of the most hotly contested aspects of charter schools is the fact that they are free from some state educational sanctions and do not operate under the teachers' union.

Sturgis employs the IB (International Baccalaureate) standard. Eric Hieser, Executive Director of Sturgis High School, plans on giving a presentation on the IB standard at the January 26 informational meeting in Carver. According to the International Baccalaureate website (IBO.org), the IB principal promotes education by creating "a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect." The IB principal considers international understanding a central tenant to education, instead of an adjunct concept, hence the focus on Latin in the curriculum. Mr. Hieser, who is president of the Board of the Massachusetts Center for Charter Public School Excellence, will discuss the process of applying for a charter school. Ms. White cites the IB initiative as "a rigorous academic program."

There are currently 2 charters schools in Plymouth County – one is called Rising Tide in Plymouth, and is open to grades 5-8. The other is South Shore Charter Public, and that is available to grades K-12. In recent years, Rising Tide has also considered expanding to

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For more information on IB education and charter schools in general, the public is welcome to attend the January 26 meeting at Carver Library.

ORR Committee Disappointed in "Lost Opportunity"

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee was called to order by Chairperson Peter Bangs on January 13, 2010 in the ORR Conference Room at 6:00 pm. Also in attendance were Committee members Jim O'Brien, Joseph Scott, Nick Decas, Robin

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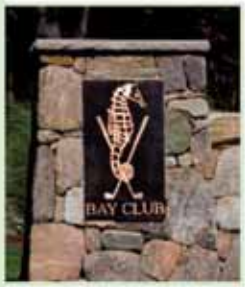

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In the Chairperson's report, Dr. Bangs informed the Committee that a "level-funded" 2010/2011 school year budget, would represent a 2.01 percent increase from the previous year's budget. "Level-funded" means that the budget would include all the same items as the previous year's budget with no added or removed line items.

According to Dr. Bangs, the towns in the district have indicated that they could not support more than a 2 percent increase, which means that, just to maintain status quo, the Committee will have to come up with $547,000, or consider cutting that much from next year's budget. "We need to know what that looks like," said Dr. Bangs, who suggested investigating alternate revenue sources for making up the difference.

A preliminary budget presentation will be made to the Committee at their February meeting. "It doesn't look pretty," said Dr. Bangs.

As a part of his report, Dr. Bangs commended Dr. Cooper for his service as a superintendent. Dr. Cooper will be retiring this month, and this would be his last ORR Committee meeting.

"You are leaving the school in a strong place, academically," said Dr. Bangs. "You've been a pleasure to work with…on a personal note, you've inspired me." Dr. Bangs shook hands with Dr. Cooper.

"It's been my pleasure to serve on this Board for the past seven and a half years," said Dr. Cooper. "I will miss it. Wonderful kids… wonderful staff." Dr. Cooper also recognized that the success of the district was reliant on the diligent school committees and committed volunteers.

In the Superintendent report, Dr. Cooper said that there had been a car accident in front of the school on the morning of January 11. Although there were no serious injuries reported, it was still a reminder that the school

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entrance is unsafe and needs to be addressed before a "more serious accident occurs." Dr. Cooper said that they would be working with Mattapoisett Police Chief Mary Lyons and the state to improve the intersection's safety.

In a Principal's report, Mr. Devoll said that the high school had an assembly as a "call to action" for students to do good works, especially in celebration of Martin Luther King Day. The phrase that they are encouraging among students is: "Make it a day on, not a day off." The school assembly included speakers from Gifts to Give, the Showstoppers, and other groups who work to give back to society.

Mr. Devoll also proudly announced that the girls' basketball team was in first place and they were anticipating a 500th win for Coach Hohne's career on January 19 when the undefeated Lady Bulldogs played Wareham.

The high school will have a spring production of *Rent*, and there will be a Parent Information Night at ORRHS on February 24.

In his Principal's report, Mr. Brogioli said that ORRJHS students and faculty raised over $2,000 for local needy families.

Mr. Brogioli was also pleased to announce that an investment portion of ARRA funds had allowed the school to get a school bus back, which meant students could stay later for more services without having to worry about getting a ride home.

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The Committee then approved the minutes of the November 12 and December 9, 2009, meetings.

ORR Booster Club president Shaun Walsh was present to ask the Committee for support in a fundraiser that would supply the girls' varsity soccer team with new uniforms. The uniforms that the girls are currently using have been used for 6 years, and they are only designed for 4 years of use. The seams are breaking, and the worn material is falling apart. Mr. Walsh presented the idea of a "Texas Hold 'em" style poker tournament. The event, which would take place at a popular New Bedford nightclub, would be open to people 21 and over.

A previous fundraiser for new costumes, which occurred in the spring of 2009, was held at the Knights of Columbus, but did not have a good turn-out and didn't raise enough money for the uniforms. It is thought that the Texas Hold'em tournament will be more successful. After some reassurance that the school would be in no way legally responsible for the tournament, which would be at an alcohol-serving location, the Committee voted to approve this fundraiser.

The Committee also voted to accept scholarships and grants from:

• The Mattapoisett Lions in the amount of $600 to help pay for a new defibrillator. The Rochester Lions paid for the other half of this donation.

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• A $250 grant from the Alliance for Climate Education for the installation of weather stripping and other energy-saving measures at the high school.

• A $250 annual scholarship for any senior girl entering Bridgewater State College with the intention of majoring in Physical Education.

Mr. Devoll presented an overview of changes that had been made in the high school's Program of Studies for the 2010/2011 year. These changes included a new class called Introduction to Print Media, and the removal of Portuguese I due to lack of interest.

In a Financial report, Ms. Isernio said that the good news was that Governor Deval Patrick had restored the transportation budget back up to 56%, which means that the $107,000 that administration had scraped up from various line items in December would not have to be used to offset transportation costs after all.

Ms. Isernio asked the Committee to consider unfreezing the budget for the rest of the 2010 school year, since cuts are unlikely from this point on. She would still exercise caution in spending, but since the future is still bleak, they could benefit from buying some much needed supplies in bulk, which would end up benefitting the 2010/2011 budget as well.

"So you want the budget not frozen solid, but kind of slushy?" asked Dr. Bangs.

"Yes," replied Ms. Isernio, who reiterated how careful she would be with spending.

"I would trust you," said Dr. Bangs.

The final topic of the meeting was the "Race to the Top" initiative that has been the main topic of conversation in school departments, committees, and unions across Massachusetts over the past few weeks.

"Race to the Top" is a $4 billion dollar federal initiative from which Massachusetts could receive $250 million, but schools have to opt in to the program with school committee, union, and teachers' approval. Dr. Bangs had discussed this matter with the co-presidents of the Old Rochester Regional Professional Educators Association, Terry Dall and Colin Everett. Ms. Dall and Mr. Everett declined to sign the memorandum that would

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include ORR in the Title 1 money and special grants program.

As representatives of ORR teachers, Ms. Dall and Mr. Everett cited philosophical opposition to the program, because they thought the Race to the Top program focused too much on collecting student performance data instead of the other intangible aspects of a student's performance.

Dr. Bangs said that he wasn't angry with Ms. Dall and Ms. Everett for the decision, but that he was "disappointed in the lost opportunity". He still asked for a vote from the School Committee to sign the memorandum just in case they still had the opportunity to move forward.

The Committee voted to give Dr. Bangs and Dr. Cooper authority to sign the memorandum and move forward. Ms. Beams thanked Dr. Bangs for supporting the measure, and Dr. Russell said that Ms. Dall and Mr. Everett were suffering from "selective amnesia", since the teachers had had no problem with the ARRA presentation on test information gathering at the beginning of the year. The Race to the Top money would come with strict testing requirements and student performance-based salary incentives.

The Committee voted to go into executive session at 7:50 pm for the purpose of personnel issues and labor contracts. The next scheduled meeting of the ORR School Committee is February 10, and there will be a Joint

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Committee meeting with the Superintendency Union #55 on January 28 at 6:30 pm.

Board Denies Abatement Request

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Anne O'Brien-Kakley

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Stephen Cushing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the Marion Town House. Also in attendance were Selectman Jonathan Henry, Town Administrator Paul Dawson and Assistant to the Town Administrator Helene Craver. Selectman Roger Blanchette was not in attendance.

In appointments, the Board heard from Michael Mattos, a representative from E. A. Fish Corporation. Mr. Mattos presented a request for a sewer connection at Little Neck Village, the senior housing complex that is being expanded and renovated to house more residents. According to Mr. Mattos, the complex is expanding from 12 units to 48 units, and the sewer connection will accommodate 5,400 gallons a day. Mr. Dawson said that the request "falls easily within sewer commissioner regulations," and gave support to the Board to approve the sewer connection request. The Board voted to approve the request, and subsequently voted to approve a water request to Little Neck Village as well.

The Board then voted to approve 4 property transfers in accordance with the 2009 Town Meeting regulations. All 4 transfers involving various town parcels, like Washburn Park, Town Landing, Rail Trail, Aucoot Cove and Bicentennial Park, came from the Board of Selectmen and were granted to the following committees: the Marion Parks Committee, the Marion Recreation Committee, the Marion Marine Resources Commission, and the Marion Open Space Acquisition

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The Board also signed 3 letters of appreciation. The first letter was to Andrea Keene, who worked in Marion as an EMT for over thirty years. In Ms. Keene's letter, the Board said that they were "sad to see the end of this era", and thanked her for her "professionalism and great heart" over the years. "We salute and thank you," said the Board to Ms. Keene.

In a letter to Reginald Foster, a member of the Affordable Housing Trust who tendered his resignation at the last Marion Selectmen Meeting, the Board thanked Mr. Foster for all his help, especially in regards to the Little Neck Village project.

In a third letter, the Board thanked Harbormaster Michael Cormier for his dedication, as noted in a January letter from the Beverly Yacht Club, and his work as an oil spill coordinator. "You and your crew have done an excellent job as caretakers," the Board said to Mr. Cormier.

In his Town Administrator's report, Mr. Dawson gave a brief update on the new police station's construction. "Unfortunately, Mother Nature has not

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been cooperative," said Mr. Dawson, citing the high winds and rain that the region has suffered from recently. Assuming the weather cooperates, Mr. Dawson said that construction should proceed quickly over the next couple weeks, and will hopefully include roof trusses and sheathing.

N Star wanted to inform the Board and Marion residents that they have concluded village tree work, and have left behind blue bands on trees that are on their "wish list" for removal. "Residents should not fear those blue bands," said Mr. Dawson, since N Star will seek homeowner permission in removing any trees on private property and will respect the wishes of homeowners who do not want to lose their trees.

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Mr. Dawson announced that there will be a Tri-Town Selectmen meeting in the Old Rochester Regional High School's Media Room on Thursday, January 21, 2010.

In Correspondence, the Board heard from Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School. Upper Cape informed the Board that they had elected a new representative of the member community to represent them for collective bargaining. This new representative will be Marion Selectman Chairman Stephen Cushing.

The Board also received a letter from Robert Luchetti requesting an abatement on his water meter reading. The water meter at his home at 548 Point Road had been installed backwards, which rendered a reading useless. The water bill had to be estimated based on the amount of people living in the home.

The Luchettis requested an abatement because they felt the estimate from the Water Department was too high, since the home is only used seasonally. It was revealed by Mr. Dawson that this is the second time that the water meter at this residence was found by the Water Department to be installed backwards.

"How was the meter put in backwards not once, but twice?" Selectman Cushing asked.

Mr. Dawson responded that the error was not the result of a Water Department worker. "All we can do is estimate," said Mr. Dawson, who suggested denying the request. The Board voted to deny Mr. Luchetti's

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The Board also received a letter of complaint from Priscilla Norton in regards to the snow removal at North Marion Cemetery. Ms. Norton was upset that the cemetery was not cleared after the December 19 and 20 blizzard. Mr. Dawson addressed this concern with the Highway Department, who responded that they had prioritized roads and had to work hard to keep the icy roads clear. The priority had been public safety, so the cemetery had to be placed on the "back burner", as Mr. Dawson phrased it. The Highway Department, Mr. Dawson, and the Board all expressed regret to Ms. Norton over the situation, and agreed to draft a letter of understanding and apology over the matter.

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The Board received a letter from ORCTV for their February/April video production camps, which will feature editing and student production classes for children ages 11-14, and will cost $100 per child. Anyone interested can call ORCTV at 508-748-1600.

There being no more business to attend to, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:41 pm.

School Report

ORR Celebrates MLK

By Anne Smith

Students were very happy to learn that this past weekend was a four-day weekend. The weekend started early on Friday, which the ORR district used as an in-service day for teachers, and the weekend naturally extended to Monday, as school is never held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In preparation for this long weekend, students attended an assembly on Wednesday, January 13, and were encouraged to make MLK Day "a day on, not a day off."

The assembly was mostly run by students, although there were three guest speakers to wrap up the event. But the strongest message came from the students themselves, who were mostly members of the senior class. Everyone who presented told some story about the community service they've done, explaining the value and benefit of doing community service as they did so.

A group of three students, Elizabeth Maxey, Sophie Turowski, and Kelsey Frink, shared stories about the community service they've done in India. All three students worked in the Indian education system. Ms. Maxey volunteered with a school for the children in the slums of India; she explained that the school she worked with was designed to prepare the slum children for the real public school. The problem with placing the slum children directly into the public school was that they often couldn't handle the change and soon dropped out. The integration school has had a huge effect on keeping those children in school so that they may gain the education they are so lucky to be receiving.

Ms. Turowski and Ms. Frink also worked with schools in India, but they were volunteering with

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different programs. One volunteered with a service that helped gather supplies for the public schools, while another volunteered with a school that was designed for the special needs children in India. Ms. Frink ended their short presentation by reminding students that they don't have to travel to a foreign country in order to do community service, just that they should if given the opportunity because it encourages so much growth on a personal level.

The next group of presenters was also ORR seniors, and they spent their summer volunteering in the Dominican Republic. They mostly spoke about why they chose to volunteer in the Dominican Republic and what they did there, which included teaching the natives how to manage their resources. On the other side of the island, Julia Kanter explained, Haiti had already used up many of its resources, thus making the Dominican Republic richer. But there was nothing to stop the Dominican people from using up their resources and becoming just as poor.

The last group of students spoke about Gifts to Give, which is a local service where many students from ORR, especially Honor Society members, volunteer. The program is based in a New Bedford warehouse, where donations of gently used clothes, toys, and other necessities are stored and catalogued before being distributed to the homeless of the area. Rebecca Ivester introduced the spokespeople for Gifts to Give, who explained the purpose and goal of the program. One of the spokespeople is in charge of the volunteers at the warehouse, and she shared some stories about the students she's met. The important thing, she said, was that those who volunteered not only did a good deed but also helped themselves. One of the active volunteers at the warehouse actually used the community service as a

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Finally, students were presented with a short video about Martin Luther King, Jr. and his effect on us today. The assembly closed with a reminder to make Monday "a day on, and not a day off." As students left the auditorium and went back to class, they had to walk by several tables covered with flyers about different types of community service and different events that need volunteers, such as the Gifts to Give drive at the Rochester and Mattapoisett fire stations this past Saturday.

Leading into the weekend, students were encouraged to celebrate in another way. Thursday night at 7:00 pm was the first annual ORR Talent Show in the high school auditorium. Tickets were sold at the door for five dollars, and all proceeds benefited the ORPEA Scholarship Fund.

Paul Sardinha, who served as the Master of Ceremony for the event, declared that the show was a success. The two teachers who were in charge of the talent show, Mrs. Brunelle and Mrs. McKeon, had been worried that not enough tickets would have been sold to cover the cost of the programs. But even without any advertising – the only people who knew about the show and attended were students, their families, and teachers – the auditorium was nearly full and a profit was made.

There were twelve acts to the show, and all did a wonderful job showcasing their various talents. Rosemary Ramos, with the accompaniment of Ian Jones and Ben

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Burns, opened the show with her rendition of Norah Jones' "Don't Know Why." After her act, there was a bit of comical error on the part of the show's techies when the piano couldn't be rolled off the stage. But the audience took it all in good fun, and after the wheels were unlocked and the next act set up, everyone broke into applause.

Natasha Meere entertained the audience with two songs on guitar, "East Jesus Nowhere" by Greenday and "Miss Murder" by AFI. Mr. Sardinha then announced the next singer, who happened to be Ben Bungert doing his own version of Michael Buble's "I Just Haven't Met You Yet." The audience, which was playful throughout the entire evening, said "aw" when the song was announced and one person yelled out "I'm right here, Ben!" at the end of his performance.

Samuel Nye and Jared DaCosta took the stage next, singing "Halleluiah" and playing their guitars. Next was the other half of the Bungert family, as Mr. Sardinha joked, when Emily Bungert took the stage and sang "Vivre" from the musical *Notre Dame de Paris*. The audience had to wait several minutes for her performance because the techies encountered some problems with the spotlights, which weren't working independently. Mr. Sardinha had to take a quick break to instruct the girls in the catwalk how to fix the lights, and then he accidently stepped on the power cord and turned off all the lights. The audience once again took this all in good fun as the lights were tested again, and the applause was very loud and enthusiastic when Ms. Bungert took the stage.

Miles Sullivan and Mike Bliss, the only freshmen in the talent show, entertained the audience with their very sarcastic rendition of "If I Had a Million Dollars" by the Barenaked Ladies. Other performers in the talent show helped with the act by holding up signs with the song's lyrics so that the audience could sing along, and they also danced comically. The entire time the song was playing, the audience kept wondering what would happen next.

Margie Pullo and Kelsey Frink set a new bar when they graced the stage, singing "Forever Young," which they called the senior theme song. Margie Pullo was dressed in gym shorts and t-shirt, complete with sunglasses, and was rapping the verses while Kelsey Frink, dressed in a tutu and senior t-shirt, sang the chorus. Both girls were encouraged to perform by Mr. Gomes, who had heard them singing earlier in the year.

Justine Smigel and Jesse Olivier, accompanied by Ian Jones, took the stage and sang their version of "True Colors," by Cyndi Lauper. They were followed by Kevin Hines, a sophomore who plays guitar in his own band. He graced the audience with "Inside the Fire," by Disturbed and "The Star Spangled Banner," by Kiss. Both songs got loud applause from the audience, especially his rendition of the national anthem.

The tenth act, which was the Field Hockey Dance Team (FHDT), was definitely one of the best of the night. They were the only act to receive a standing ovation, and

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Mr. Sardinha had to allow the audience to give them a second applause. The FHDT were introduced as "fiercely fiendish woman with sticks," and that definitely came off in their dancing. Two of the songs used in their mix were "Boom Boom Pow," by Black Eyed Peas and "Single Ladies," by Beyonce.

The FHDT was followed by Spencer Johnson, who serenaded his girlfriend, Madison Costa, with an original song he called "Love Is." Everyone enjoyed the act, saying "aw" at all the appropriate moments and laughing supportively whenever Mr. Johnson apologized to Ms. Costa. At the end of his performance, Mr. Sardinha said that he was a bit wary of an original love song like Mr. Johnson's but that he felt it had been done beautifully.

The last act was Jillian Zucco, who was accompanied by Ian Jones as she sang "Fields of Gold." But, as Mr. Sardinha said when he announced her, she was a bit doubtful that she could top Mr. Johnson's act, which was definitely hard to follow.

While no one knows whether the talent show will become an annual event, everyone hopes so. One thing that's certain is that ORR will have to publicize the event, since the audience will probably be three times larger if the general public is aware of it.

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As if being 0-9 wasn't bad enough, bad luck continues to haunt the **Old Colony Boys Basketball team**. As the boys suited up to face the Tri-County team, none of them knew that they would lose their best player that night.

Nick Aspden was the engine of the Old Colony Boys Basketball team; if he wasn't functioning properly, the entire team fell apart. So when Nick landed awkwardly on his right ankle on Tuesday night against the Tri-County, the entire Old Colony team held their breaths because they knew, without Nick, victory would be like a goal not only out of reach, but maybe out of sight. Nick watched his team falling farther and farther behind in the second half against Tri-County, as he was doing something he's really not used to – sitting on the

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Old Colony Girls Basketball team bounced back from their second loss of the season against the towering Norfolk Aggie. It was a very defensive game and **Lady**

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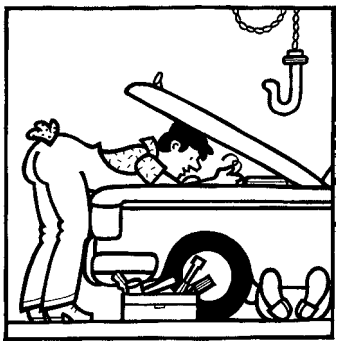

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Cougars allowed only 23 points for the Norfolk Aggie. While **Marissa Stanley's** name did not appear on the score sheet, she definitely made her presence known in the post, holding Norfolk's best scorers to single digits. Lady Cougars are hoping to keep their hot flame burning as they make their way towards the post-season and capture another title for the second year in a row.

Old Rochester Lady Bulldogs managed to stay perfect as they faced their long-time rival, Fairhaven Blue Devils. Old Rochester Girls Basketball team improved their record to 10-0, despite the great efforts and a near comeback from the Blue Devils. The girls are hoping that after making significant additions to their team, they would be unstoppable and would be able to win the SCC championship.

This year both the Old Colony and Old Rochester Girls Basketball teams seem to have it all together, while the boys are trying to glue the puzzle pieces together. Whether you support the accomplished teams or root for the underdogs, you have to remember one thing – they all need your support, so come out and show love for your team and be the voice that cheers them on.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

On behalf of the nearly 300 Rochester kids who participate in Rochester Youth Baseball, I am writing to say thank you and the other town officials who helped make 2009 such a successful and safe season for our players. It is another example of how people can come together to make a difference.

In addition to thanking the Selectmen, I would like to specifically thank Dave Sylvia and the other Park Commissioners, Richard LaCamera, Jeff Eldridge, Police Chief Paul Magee and Fire Chief Scott Wiegel for providing equipment, expertise and general support. Jeff and Dave in particular really go above and beyond, and we appreciate it.

In addition, the generous donations of businesses in the area allow us to continue to buy equipment and enhance the program for all of our kids.

We are working hard to improve the experience for all of the players and the quality of our kids' play, and we can't reach our goal without our supporters and sponsors.

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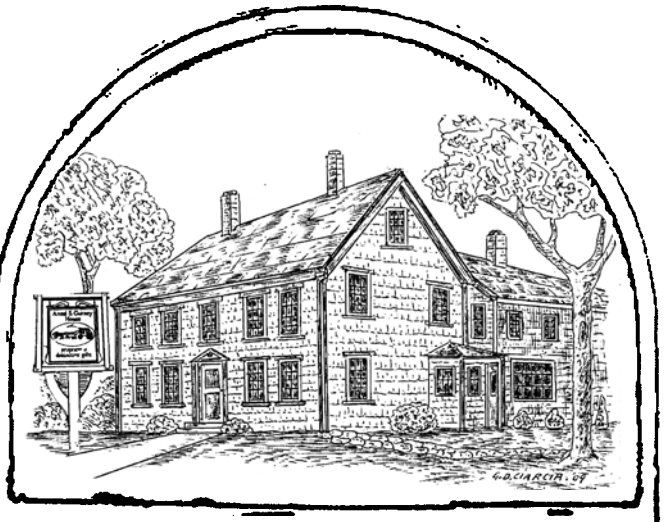

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Let the record show: the teachers of Mattapoisett through their union again demonstrated their commitment to excellence in education and their devotion to the children of Mattapoisett by signing the application. Mattapoisett boasts an outstanding school system, but that doesn't just happen. Extraordinary results require extraordinary effort plus ongoing collaboration, cooperation and commitment from parents, educators, taxpayers and their representatives.

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• Friday, **January 29**: 8:30 Yoga; 8:30 Shaws; 10:00 Cardio Dance Fit; reflexology by appointment.

Reminders for upcoming weeks:

• Flower Show Trips with motorcoach costs $10. Rhode Island Flower Show is **February 19** and the Boston Flower Show is **March 25**.

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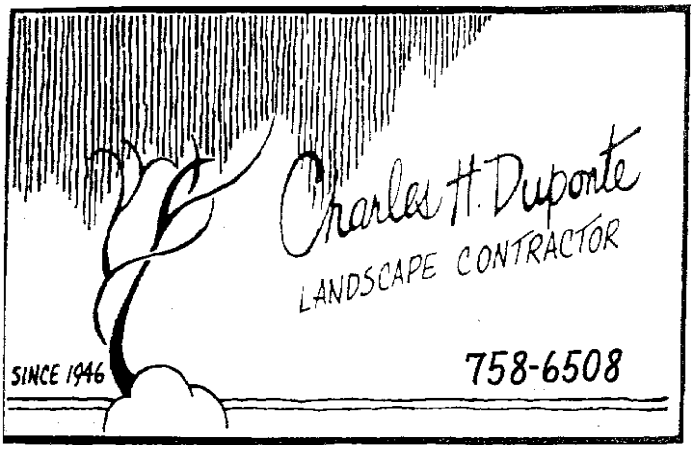

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The Machacam Club speaker this month will be Robert C. Bromley, Vice President of the Fort Tabor-Fort Rodman Historical Association. Mr. Bromley will speak on the Veterans' Museum and the history of the complex. He will also cover the massive addition that is currently under construction. He is an excellent speaker and totally dedicated to the museum.

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Tickets must be purchased in advance. Deadline for buying tickets is **January 28**, and they can be purchased from the Church Office, 508-758-2671, or at Sunday's Coffee Hour.

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Old Colony News

• Mattapoisett Freshman **Spencer Grace** was named Student of the Month in the area of Culinary Arts.

• **Evening Community Classes** – Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester is beginning enrollment for their second session of community, leisure, learning classes beginning Monday evening, **February 1**, 2010.

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Marion Recreation Baseball and Softball

Marion Recreation Baseball and Softball Information and Registration Night will be held on Wednesday, **January 27** in the Marion Town Hall from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. For registration forms, please email marionrec@gmail.com.

Olympic Presentation at Beverly Yacht Club

On **February 20**, the Beverly Yacht Club will be proud to sponsor another exciting presentation for area sailors. Dean Brenner, Olympic Program Chair, and Anna Tunnicliffe, 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist along with other members of the US Sailing Team will share their Olympic sailing experiences. This event is part of a National Tour to bring information about the Olympic Program and its athletes directly to passionate sailors around the country.

Dean Brenner, a former Olympic hopeful himself, will discuss the state of the United States Olympic Sailing Program and will lead the discussion among the Olympic Sailors focusing on what it takes to campaign for a spot representing the United States at the 2012 London Games.

Ms. Tunnicliffe recently announced she will pursue Women's Match Racing as her primary event as she sets her sights on 2012. Her crew will be: Debbie Capozzi, a 2008 Olympian, and Molly Vandemoer. All three sailors will be present to answer questions at the February 20 Beverly Yacht Club event.

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Habitat for Humanity Dinner

The Mission Committee of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven is sponsoring a benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity. It will be held on Friday, **February 5** at 6:00 pm. Learn what Habitat for Humanity is all about with a special guest speaker at 7:00 pm.

Dinner will be held in the Church Hall at 34 Center Street, in Fairhaven. Please use the William Street entrance. Purchase tickets at the door or call 508-993-3368 to make your reservation. The Spaghetti Dinner Donation is: $10 Adults, $5 Children 5-12, Under 5 free, $25 for a family of 4.

Center School Kindergarten Registration

Center School will be holding a special Parent Orientation Meeting for the parents of all children eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2010, on Wednesday, **January 27** at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria of Center School. All parents of children eligible to attend Kindergarten are asked to attend this special informational meeting. This meeting will be for parents only. The children will be invited to visit the school at a later date. Any child born before September 1, 2005 is eligible for enrollment in Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year. At this meeting, Center School Kindergarten teachers will be present and will highlight the Kindergarten program (full day and morning Kindergarten) and curriculum, discuss

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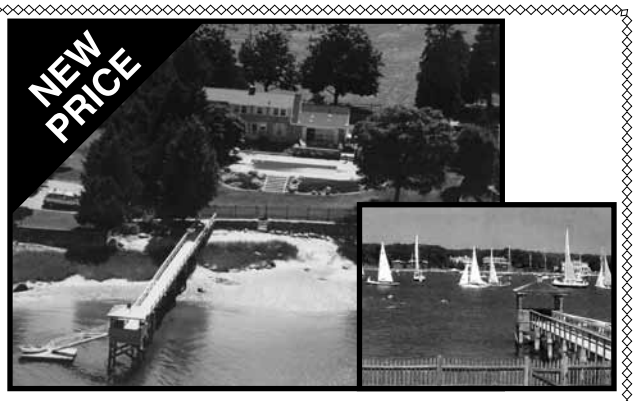

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the Kindergarten Orientation Program for the first day of school (September 1, 2010), provide parents with an opportunity to visit a kindergarten classroom and share other information regarding your child's transition to Center School. In addition, school Registration Packets will be available to take home for completion.

Completed Registration Forms for all children entering Kindergarten, and new students entering First Grade can be returned to Center School on either Wednesday, **February 10** from 4:00 - 6:00 pm or on Thursday, **February 11** from 8:45 - 10:45 am in the Cafeteria at Center School. Registration is for parents only.

For information on required immunizations and other enrollment requirements, please contact the Center School. If you have a child who was born before August 31, 2005 and is eligible to enter Kindergarten in August 2010, but will not be entering Kindergarten and/or will be attending a private Kindergarten, please call the office at Center School (508-758-2521) to notify us of your decision not to enter your child in Center School for the 2010-2011 school year. This will enable us to keep an accurate count of the number of students who will be entering Center School in September. If you know of a child who is eligible to enter Kindergarten in September and they did not receive this information about our orientation/registration in the mail, please have them contact Center School so that a registration packet can be forwarded to them.

Mattapoisett's Woman's Club Meeting

Join the Mattapoisett Women's Club on **January 21** at noon to hear Mary Lyons, Mattapoisett Chief of Police, talk about "Current Trends in Safety." After joining the local police department in 1985, Lyons became the town's first woman officer to patrol the streets. Recently, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association installed her as the first woman president in its 113 year history. Chief Lyons is also president of the Southeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council and chairwoman of the Southeastern Massachusetts Homeland Security Council.

Be our guest for light sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee. Our meetings are held in Reynard Hall, at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett.

Marion Affordable Housing for Older Adults

On January 8, 2010, Governor Deval Patrick

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announced financial support for the expansion of Little Neck Village in Marion. Little Neck Village, a 12-unit housing development for older adults, was constructed in the late 1970s for low income Marion residents. The expansion project will result in 48 affordable housing units for older adults with income in the 30% and 60% range of the local median income.

The Marion Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) identified the lack of housing opportunities for low-income older adults and wrote a request for proposals to address that need. EA Fish Associates was selected from a group of respondents to the RFP. The design and configuration of the expansion project is in keeping with the Marion "village" concept. One two-story building and three one-story bungalow or cottage-type buildings will comprise the "village" on the eight-acre site.

The MAHT has collaborated and consulted with several town committees and boards including the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and the Conservation Commission to produce a quality housing project for the town of Marion. The expertise and assistance of each board and committee has contributed to the success of the process.

The project will be constructed in two phases, allowing the current residents to remain in their respective units. Once the two-story building and one cottage-style building are completed, the current residents will move into the new buildings. The existing units will

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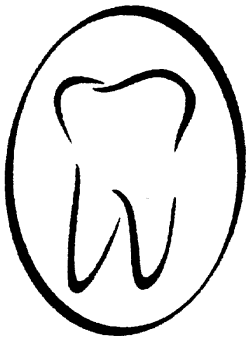

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be demolished and the final two buildings completed.

Site preparation will begin immediately and final construction is planned for December of 2010.

Toe Jam Puppet Concert

The Project GROW Parents Group will be holding a concert at the Center School Gymnasium located at 17 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett on Saturday **January 23** at 2:00 pm. Toe Jam Puppet Band will be performing an "Outer Space" theme concert. Wear your "out of this world" fashions for an electric, anti-gravity, moon-walking party! Enjoy the fun while they entertain in their unique, interactive style filled with dancing, singing, and rockets of fun! Admission for this event is $10 per family. A bake sale and a 50/50 raffle will also take place during the festivities. All proceeds to benefit Project GROW and its scholarship fund.

Project GROW is an integrated public pre-school serving the Old Rochester Regional District which receives funding from the Community Partnerships for Children. For more information, please email Jill Simcox at bnjsimcox@verizon.net, Mattapoisett Project GROW Parent Volunteer.

Mattapoisett Friends Of The Elderly

• **Coupon Books** – The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly are now selling their 2010 Dinner For Two Coupon Books for $29.95 each. They are available either from the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center) or from Ilona Langhoff at 508-758-2787. If paying by check, kindly make the check out to the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly.

These books make wonderful gifts. By selling them, we can benefit all of our seniors here in Mattapoisett. The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly look forward to your continued support.

• **Julie and Julia** – The delightful movie, *Julie and Julia* starring Meryl Streep, will be shown at the COA center at Center School at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, **January 26**. This movie is the story of Julia Child's life, but with an added twist. There is an elevator in Center School and refreshments will be served. Please call the COA center

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ORR Junior Semi-Formal

Join the Junior Class officers and advisors as they discuss exciting plans for the Semi-Formal Dinner, Dance and After-Party to be held Friday, May 14, 2010.

The discussion meeting will take place in the ORR Library, on Monday, **January 25** from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to help, please leave your name with the ORR front office: 508-758-3745.

Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Mattapoisett will be holding a caucus on Saturday, **February 13** at 11:00 to 12:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Public Library lower-level meeting room. The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Worcester on Saturday, June 5. A total of four delegates will vote to endorse Democratic candidates for statewide offices.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Mattapoisett. Candidates for delegate and alternates must consent to nomination in writing and be present at the caucus. Those not elected may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority, and disabled.

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For additional information, please contact Jeff Riley, Chairperson, at 508-728-5161.

ORR AFS Phone-a-thon

The Old Rochester Regional High School chapter of the American Field Service, or AFS, is holding a phone-a-thon to support the school's Foreign Exchange Student program. The students will be manning the phone banks the weekend of **January 23 and 24** to solicit donations for the programs general scholarship fund.

AFS has been exchanging students throughout the world for 60 years. That's six decades of history and experience in international education with an exemplary record of safety, security, and service to students, parents and educators. AFS works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership.

We at ORR are fortunate this year to have three host students: Peter Augustin from Germany, Natacha Tanrattanawong from Thailand and Diego Saldana from Panama.

Money raised from the weekend's donation drive will go towards the chapter's general scholarship fund that helps to offset some of the hidden costs of being an exchange student such as student field trips and other minor expenses. Ten to 20 students along with several adult supervisor/volunteers will be involved in the phone-a-thon fundraiser. Money raised will also help ORR exchange students offset some of their costs as well.

If you do not receive a phone call during the weekend phone-a-thon and wish to contribute, please mail your contribution, payable to "AFS Parent Club at ORRHS" to AFS, Old Rochester Regional High School, P.O. Box 585, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. For further information, you can also contact Jessica Noblet at 508-758-2676 or email jessicanoblet@gmail.com.

Gateway Babe Ruth Signups

Gateway Babe Ruth is now accepting on line registrations for the 2010 Baseball Season. Players living in the towns of Carver, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Wareham who will be 13, 14 or 15 years of age before May 1, 2010 are eligible to play. To download registration forms, go to www.gatewaybaberuth.org. Forms must be submitted by **March 23**, 2010. Tryouts will be conducted for each League. Dates are listed on the website. All parents are encouraged to volunteer their time to the

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Tri-County Symphonic Band

The Sparke, Smith and Sousa Concert will be on Sunday, **February 7,** 3:00 pm, at Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA. Philip Sparke, Robert W. Smith and John Philip Sousa are three composers who span the twentieth century with a wealth of wonderful music. The Tri-County Symphonic Band will explore Robert W. Smith's "In a Gentle Rain" and play a suite by John Philip Sousa entitled "The Looking Upward Suite."

Our soloist for this concert is Bonnie Denton. Ms. Denton plays euphonium in the United States Coast Guard Band in New London, CT, and she will be performing the "Fantasy for Euphonium" by Philip Sparke. Tickets $10 (Students $5, Children 12 and under are free). For more information, please visit www.TriCountySymphonicBand.org.

Lions Club News

On Wednesday, January 13, forty-three members and guests of the Mattapoisett Lions club enjoyed a special social evening out with a private tour of the Ocean Explorium in New Bedford, followed by dinner at a popular New Bedford restaurant. Special guests included Lions District Governor Ray Hebert of the North

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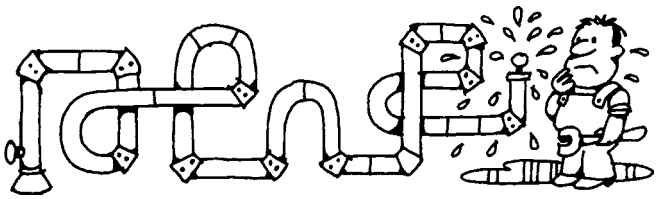

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• **Upcoming events** include a dinner cabaret scheduled for Saturday, **March 20** at the Knights of Columbus hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett, and the popular Senior Turkey Dinner on Saturday, **April 24** at noon at the Congregational Church Hall. Harbor Days, which is scheduled for the third weekend of July, is already in the planning stages.

Some of our activities so far this year have included volunteering at the Town's Heritage Days, we have donated 436 lenses to OneSight to be paired with lenses and distributed to third world nations, hosted a lobster dinner for the Wareham Gateman, have established a scholarship committee, manned the concession stand at Mariner Soccer, donated 465 items to Project Shoebox which send toiletries and non perishable items to troops serving overseas, provided hearing aids to needy seniors, donated 1200 pairs of eyeglasses to be sent overseas, built a wheel chair ramp, donated towards the purchase of an additional defibrillator at the local high school, hosted a Harvest Dinner and Antiques appraisal show, sponsored the Peace Poster contest at Old Hammondtown school with 80 participants, held an electronics recycling event, and collected canned goods and new toys at the town's Holiday in the Park. So if you are interested in joining a great social service organization whose motto is: " We Serve," please visit our website at www.mattapoisettlionsclub.org.

ORR Youth Lacrosse

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9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicles
Noon – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
12:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
1:00 PM - Free Minds TV
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – The New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:30 PM - 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
7:00 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
7:30 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Presents
11:00 PM - Explore
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday Jan. 25, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
10:00 AM – Arts and Ideas
10:30 AM – Second Act
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
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8:00 PM – Sharing Miracles
8:30 PM – Physician's Focus
9:00 PM – Free Minds TV
9:30 PM – Around BCC
10:00 PM – Smart Boating
10:30 PM – Life Matters
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Tuesday Jan. 26, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Seniors on the Move
10:30 AM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Abel Grace
4:30 PM – Senior Scene
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
6:00 PM - 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
7:00 PM – HomeFront
8:00 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
11:30 PM - The Tri-Town Business Association Show
Midnight – Midnight Mausoleum

Wednesday Jan. 27, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:30 AM – Cooking With Marie
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
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7:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report – With Sen. Marc Pacheco
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10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday Jan. 28, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM - Midweek Politics with David Pakman
10:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
10:30 AM - Homefront
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
3:00 PM – 2009 Marian Medal Awards Ceremony - Diocese of Fall River
5:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Abel Grace
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Music Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday Jan. 29, 2010
8:30 AM - Peek-a-Boo Turtle
9:00 AM – Gardening Rhythms
10:00 AM – Green By Design
10:30 AM – Healthwise Alternatives
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Peek-a-Boo Turtle
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Jazzercise
2:30 PM – Senior Stretch
5:00 PM – Community Arts in Action
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Fox Robbins Business Show
7:30 PM – Healthwise Alternatives
8:00 PM – Homefront
8:30 PM – The Tri-Town Business Association Show
9:00 PM – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
9:30 PM - Free Minds TV
10:00 PM – Ampersand
11:00 PM – Around BCC
11:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
Midnight – Friday Night Drive-In Theater
Midnight Movies

Saturday Jan. 30, 2009
8:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
10 AM - Marion Art Center Artstart 2009
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Expedition New England
11:30 AM – Kids a Cookin'
Noon – Gallery Talk – A Presentation of the Marion Art Center
12:30 PM – Around BCC
1:00 PM – New England Daycations
1:30 PM – U-Mass Dartmouth Sports
4:30 PM – Expedition New England
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – Link TV World Music Block
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Music Hour
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Saturday Fright Special

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
8:30 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
12:15 PM – Marion Affordable Housing Trust
2:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
9:30 PM - Marion Affordable Housing Trust

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
9:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
2:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
4:30 PM – Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 18
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:30 AM - 2010 King Day of Service at ORRHS
8:30 AM – ORRHS Holiday Talk Show - Group A
9:00 AM – ORRHS - Jazz Combo Holiday 2009 Concert
10:10 AM – ORRHS Holiday Talk Show - Group B
10:55 AM – 2009 Center School Holiday Play
11:30 AM – Bulldog TV 2009 Fall Show
12:30 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball vs. Dighton-Rehoboth
1:30 PM - RMS - 2009 Holiday Concert
5:00 PM – 2009 Bulldog TV Holiday Show
6:30 PM – ORRHS Holiday Talk Show - Group B
7:30 PM – ORRJHS 2009 Holiday Concert
8:30 PM – RMS - 2009 Holiday Play
9:00 PM - 2010 King Day of Service at ORRHS
10:00 PM - ORRHS Holiday Talk Show - Group A
10:30 PM - RMS - 2009 Holiday Concert
11:10 PM – ORRHS Boys Basketball vs. Dighton-Rehoboth

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Mattapoisett Youth Baseball Registration

Registration for the upcoming 2010 Mattapoisett Youth Baseball Association - MYBA baseball season began January 1. All registrations along with manager evaluations and payment must be postmarked by **February 1**.

Registration forms along with 2009 manager evaluation forms are available online at the MYBA website http://www.mybaonline.us. Registration forms and manager evaluation forms will also be distributed at OHS and Center School the week of January 4.

Evaluations for any players wishing to move up a division will be held on Saturday **February 27**. Any player wishing to move up from AAA to Minors or Minors to Majors must attend the evaluation. For additional information regarding registration and evaluations please visit the MYBA Website at http://www.mybaonline.us.

Rochester Country Fair Fundraiser

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Please email Julie at jkoczera1@verizon.net or contact Bev at 508-763-5503 if you're interested in attending. An RSVP is preferred for a headcount.

For more information visit www.rochesterma.com.

Pan-Mass Challenges Tri-Town

Pan-Massachusetts Challenge gave $30,384,200 to the Jimmy Fund for a 30-year total of $270 million. The 2009 Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) has contributed $30,384,200 to adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its August cycling event.

15 PMC cyclists, who reside in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, raised $63,866 of the $30.4 million.

The PMC's 30th year marked a total of $270,000,000 in funds raised for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The

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Births

Robert and Christine (Dupuis) Marcolini of Marion are proud to announce the arrival of thier second son, **Joshua Michael** who as born on December 11, 2009. Joshua's grandparents are Robert Sr. and Erina Marcolini of Carver, MA and Nancy Dupuis of Franklin MA

Teri Croteau and John Costa are the pleased to announce the arrival of a son, **Connor Costa** and daughter **Devyn Costa** born on September 5, 2009. Connor and Devyn join 5 siblings at their home in Fairhaven. Proud grandparent is Simone Marcotte of Fairhaven.

Obituaries

James M. Twomey, of West Bridgewater, died Tuesday, Jan.12, 2010. He was 65, was born, raised and educated in Brockton, a son of the late Elizabeth McGrath and George Twomey. James worked for Shaw's as a meat cutter until he retired in 2007 and also worked part time for Market Basket.

He was the father of Kathleen Twomey-Leurini and her husband Robert of Bridgewater, Shawn Twomey and his fiance Morgan Ketchel of Mattapoisett and the late Michael Twomey; grandfather of Michael Twomey; brother of Edward Twomey, Mary Ellen Capiello and the late John Twomey; former husband of Cheryl Fritz and Mary Anne Hefler.

Arrangements by the Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 98 Bedford St., Bridgewater, Fot online guestbook, visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

Hugh E.Buckley, Forestdale died on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the age of 73. He was the loving husband of Margaret M. (O'Neil) Buckley for almost 47 years.

Known to many as "Chief Buck," he worked for the MBTA for 25 years as a painter and served in the US Air Force and then the 102nd ANG for almost 40 years. He was a member of the Good Samaritan Lodge in Reading, MA. Mr. Buckley was proud of his service to his country and the wonderful memories it brought him. He also loved golf, travel and the time he spent with his grandchildren.

Besides his wife, survivors include three children, James C. Buckley of Marstons Mills, Kevin C. Buckley of Marion, and Nancy E. Buckley of Sandwich; two brothers, John Buckley of Medford and Robert Buckley of Las Vegas, NV; a sister, Claire Dwyer of Del Ray Beach, FL; and three grandchildren, Allen and Kaitlyn Buckley, and Patrick Wilbur.

Arrangements by the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, 154 Route 6A in Sandwich. Burial was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. Memorial donations in his name may be made to the McCarthy Care Center, 73 Service Road, East Sandwich, MA 02537.

Mary C. (Worcester) Soule, 76, of Wareham, formerly of Bridgewater died January 15, 2010 at home. She was the widow of the late George H. Soule and the daughter of the late Edward C. and Eva (Naughton) Worcester.

She was born in Boston and lived in Avon and Bridgewater before moving to Wareham in 1988. Mrs. Soule graduated from Avon High School. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Southeastern Massachusetts University and received a Master's Degree from Assumption College. Mrs. Soule worked as a registered nurse specializing in pediatric care. She worked at Lakeville Hospital, Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton and Early Intervention in Plymouth. She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, the beach and bird watching.

Survivors include her children, Mary McGlone and her husband Timothy of Somerset, James Soule and his wife Connie of Fall River, Michael Soule and his wife Joanne of Easton, Mitch Soule and his wife Georgina of Rochester, Mark Soule and his wife Marie of Alexandria, VA and Matt Soule and his wife Tammy of Plymouth; 2 brothers, Edward Worcester and his wife Marie of Paris, ME and Richard Worcester and his wife Gerrie of Plymouth; 17 grandchildren, Christopher Soule, Shannon Tousignant, Corinne Henry, Timothy McGlone, Ryan McGlone, Jessica, Amanda, Matthew, Meghan, Douglas, Derrick, Zeke and Dylan Soule, Jennifer Carvalho, Nichole White, Nicholas and Alyssa Soule; 8 great-grandchildren, Alexander and Allison Tousignant, Emily Henry, Ryan and Julie McGlone, Chloe McGlone, Sarah Carvalho, and Ethan Sliney; many nephews, nieces and friends. She was predeceased by her son, George "Jos" Soule.

Arrangements by the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., (Rte.28), Wareham. Donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. For online guestbook, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com.

Robert "Bob" John Marland, 77, of Dartmouth, passed away January 16, 2010 at St. Luke's Hospital. He was the husband of Eileen T. "Ellie" (Norris) Marland with whom he shared 56 years of marriage.

Born in Dartmouth and a lifelong resident, he was a son of the late Robert and Isabelle (Stevens) Marland.

Mr. Marland was a graduate of Tabor Academy in Marion and received his Bachelor of Art and Master of Art Degrees in English Literature from Boston University.

He was an English teacher at New Bedford High School for 20 years and a negotiator for the MA Federation of Teachers for 10 years. He retired as the Director of Education for the Plymouth County Correctional Facility. Bob was a gifted writer, enjoyed art and sculpture and loved his companion dogs, Roxanne Marie and George.

Surviving in addition to his wife: a daughter, Dr. Cynthia A. Marland; a granddaughter, Kathleen Whitney Pratt; and a brother, Frederick Marland and his wife Barbara, all of Dartmouth. He was the brother of the late Graham Marland.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dartmouth Friends of the Elderly, c/o Council on Aging, 628 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth MA 02748. Arrangements are in the care of the Waring-Sullivan Home of Memorial Tribute at Dartmouth, 230 Russells Mills Rd. For online tributes, please visit: www.waring-sullivan.com

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This PMC fundraising gift is the single largest contribution made to the Jimmy Fund in 2009, representing 50 percent of the charity's annual revenue. The funds raised by the 4,937 cyclists of the 2009 PMC brings the organization's 30-year total Jimmy Fund gift to exactly $270 million.

The 31st annual PMC is set for **August 7 and 8**, 2010. Registration opens online on **January 12** for alumni and **January 19** for newcomers. For more information about the Pan-Mass Challenge visit www.pmc.org.

South Coast Chamber Music Society

The South Coast Chamber Music Society's 10th anniversary season continues to present a legacy of great compositions with concerts at 5:00 pm on Saturday, **January 23**, at St. Gabriel's Church in Marion, and at 3:00 pm on Sunday, **January 24**, at Grace Episcopal Church in New Bedford.

The program, which consists of three great composers of their time, Mozart, Beethoven and Dohnanyi promises to be inspiring and memorable. The least known of the three composers, Ernst von Dohnanyi was praised and promoted by Johannes Brahms and is perhaps only less known because of the circumstances of politics during his career. This classic and romantic concert will be performed by SCCMS regulars Piotr Buczek, violin, Don Krishnaswami, viola, Timothy Roberts, cello, and Donna Marie Cobert, oboe.

Tickets may be purchased for $18 and ordered in advance by calling 508-295-2968, or at the door on the day of the concert. The box office opens 30 minutes before each concert. Attendees 16 and under are encouraged and admitted free of charge. Both concert venues are wheelchair accessible. For more information on SCCMS programs, ticket purchases, and directions please visit our website, www.southcoastchambermusic.org or call 508-295-2968.

These concerts are sponsored in part by the New Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The South Coast Chamber Music Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring great achievements by presenting high quality chamber music to Greater New Bedford and the communities of Southeastern Massachusetts.

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Editor's Pick of the Week

Andy Bobola
Inspector of the Year

Anne O'Brien-Kakley
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Mattapoisett Building Inspector Andrew Bobola said that he was "greatly humbled" when he was named "Inspector of the Year" at the January 13 meeting of the Southeastern Massachusetts Building Officials Association (SEMBOA) Inc, held in Taunton.

The organization, which serves building inspector professionals spanning from the Cape and the Islands to Boston, names one official for recognition of outstanding service each year. Mr. Bobola's colleagues at Mattapoisett Town Hall all knew about the award weeks before the SEMBOA meeting, but they stayed quiet so the presentation would be a surprise. They all quietly attended the event, waiting at the back of the room until award was announced.

Mr. Bobola knew that the "Inspector of the Year" was typically announced at the January meeting. When the winner was described at the ceremony as someone who enjoys music, saltwater fishing, and had stayed a building inspector for twenty-three years at the same town, Mr. Bobola realized that they were referring to him. In that moment, Mr. Bobola said that he was "very honored", especially when he turned around and saw all of his Town Hall colleagues, his wife and children, all there to share the moment with him.

"I just about turned twelve shades of red," Mr. Bobola admitted.

Often a fixture at Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, and Appeals meetings, Mr. Bobola lends his expertise in matters involving buildings and contracting. He said that he tries to make his work preventative, catching problems in construction before the structure is even built. He does this by collaborating with contractors and homeowners in a cooperative way and by using his conscience in making decisions.

Mr. Bobola, who has been the building inspector in Mattapoisett since 1987, was picked from all of the building inspectors in the southeastern third of the state – by Mr. Bobola's estimate, 300 members of SEMBOA. He is the fifteenth person to receive this honor. Besides his duties in Mattapoisett, Mr. Bobola is also a member of the Board of Directors for SEMBOA.

Although Mr. Bobola works round the clock in his public safety role, he said that his "job is made so much easier by (his) staff". His staff includes Administrative Assistant Maria Cananzey, who he praised for her hard work and professionalism.

Melody Pacheco, Assistant to the Town Administrator, worked as Mr. Bobola's secretary when he started in 1987. She described him as "very intelligent, personal and caring. I am very fortunate to work with him. He's always there for you, and we are lucky to have him."

Ms. Pacheco said that it was inspiring to see all of the respect and recognition from his building inspector colleagues, since the SEMBOA meeting reaffirmed what Mattapoisett has thought for 23 years – that Andy Bobola is a great worker.

Town Administrator Michael Gagne' agreed with Ms. Pacheco's assessment, and said, "It's a really great thing. I'm not surprised at (the recognition), from seeing his abilities and attention to detail." Mr. Gagne' said that Mr. Bobola is always interested in keeping current in his field and receptive to state-of-the-art resources for improvement in methodology. "He's not just a potted-plant. He's always looking to improve himself," said Mr. Gagne'.

Although Mr. Bobola was obviously pleased by the recognition, he remains humble, and said that the greatest honor is "being able to serve people".

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Relay for Life Kick-Off

The Relay for Life of the Tri-Town and the Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester communities are hosting a Kick-Off on Wednesday, **January 27** at 6:00 pm at the ORRHS Library.

The Relay for Life of the TriTown is in its 6th year hosting the American Cancer Society fundraising event. Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times.

If you would like to join the Relay For Life of Tri-Town as a planning committee volunteer or team participant, call Caryn Hodges at 508-989-7805 or Carol Lareau at 508-758-9229, or visit www.relayforlife.org/tritownma.

Tri-Town Early Childhood News

• **Playgroup Registrations Open** – Playgroups are designed to offer families with young children the opportunity to meet others with children of similar age. Our skilled playgroup facilitators also share some simple activities and information that is appropriate for the age of your child. In 90 minute sessions over six weeks, you and your child will get to know other families and leave with some great low or no-cost ideas to stimulate your child's healthy development. Priority for enrollment is given to families new to the group. A registration fee of $35 is collected at the first session. Any family is eligible for a scholarship – just contact the Early Childhood Office to request one. All playgroups take place at old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw St., Mattapoisett. To enroll in the playgroup age-appropriate for your child, please call the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863. Pre-registration is required.

• The infant playgroup starts Wednesday, **January 27** at 9:30 am.

• There are two offerings for the toddler group. The first starts Monday, **January 25** at 9:00 am, and the second starts Friday, **January 29** at 9:00 am.

• The preschool group starts Tuesday, **January 26** at 9:00 am.

• **Tri-Town Screening Clinic Scheduled** – A screening clinic for children from birth through age five will be held at Center School, Mattapoisett on **January 27**. The screening clinic offers families with questions about their child's development the opportunity to bring them for a broad screening of the major areas of a child's development. The screenings are conducted by Early Intervention and Old Rochester special education/early childhood professionals. To schedule an appointment, call 508-748-0100.

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TriTown Happenings

On January 16, local high school students collected donations for Gifts to Give, a student-powered community organization that services families in need. Gifts To Give encourages Southcoast students to volunteer for their community. Students help organize collection drives or can work a "shift" at the New Bedford processing warehouse. For more information visit GiftstoGive.org. Photos by Felix Perez.

***Left**: ORR Drama Club Director emcees at the first annual high school Talent Show on January 14. Mr. Sardinha donned a tiara because - why not? Photos by Anne O'Brien-Kakley.*
***Below**: Rosemary Ramos croons "Don't Know Why I Didn't Call" while Juniors Ian Jones and Ben Burns provide accompaniment.*

***Above**: The Gifts to Give volunteers top row, left to right, are: Rebecca Ivester, Christine Beatriz, Christopher Tippins, Bryan Tranfaglia, Patrick Bell, Jean Smith, Karen Browning. Bottom row, left to right: Courtney Tranfaglia, Damon Ivester.*

Above: Junior Ben Bungert sings "I Just Haven't Met You Yet".

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

for project grow for the 2010/2011 school year will be mailed to families the first week of February. Enrollment is open to all children residing in the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester who were born between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2007. If you do not receive your application by **February 8**, please call the Early Childhood Office to request one at 508-748-1863.

Sippican Choral Society Rehearses

The Sippican Choral Society welcomes singers for its 2010 Spring Concert rehearsals. Rehearsals are held weekly at 7:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church's Reynard Hall, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett.

New members are welcome to join until **January 25**. Shubert's Mass in B flat Major, and songs of faith and devotion will be the focus of the 2010 Spring Concert. Please arrive 15 minutes early to register. Semester dues are $35. For more information: osuch1@aol.com. Visit our web site at www.sippicanchoral.org.

Mattapoisett Town Clerk News

2010 Census – The 2010 Town Census forms will be mailed shortly to every household. Please review to be sure that the information is correct, sign, date and return to the Town Clerk's Office, either by mail or in person. If you have a dog, there is a license renewal form on the back of the census form. Fill in the information and return with the appropriate fee and a 2010 license will be mailed to you. During the next couple of months you will also be receiving a Federal Census Form. Federal Census is conducted every 10 years. This is different from the Town Census and also needs to be responded to as soon as possible.

Marion Town Clerk News

• **Marion Annual Street Listing** 2010 (census) forms are being mailed out this month. Please complete the forms as soon as possible and drop them off at the Town House, 2 Spring Street or mail them back in the enclosed envelope.

These census forms are very important for the town as State aid is based on the numbers returned. The Annual Street List is compiled from this information. No children under the age of 16 are placed in the street list. However, it is very important that children be noted on the census form for school and state purposes, but again, no children under the age of 16 are placed in the street list.

Also, please note that a separate Federal Census form will be arriving around the same time. It is important that both Marion Annual Street Listing and Federal Census forms be filled out and returned as soon as possible. We thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

• **2010 Dog Licenses** are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Please stop by or use the application which will be with the Annual Street List form making sure to read the instructions carefully as incomplete applications will be returned. People over 70 years of age do not have to pay for one dog license fee but are still responsible for showing current rabies information.

Please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-748-3502 with any questions you may have.

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Rochester Town Clerk News

• **Dog Licenses** – It is now time to renew your dog's licenses for 2010. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's office. The fee is $7.00 for spayed and neutered dogs and $10.00 for intact animals. Mass. General Laws require you to have current rabies information in order to obtain a dog license.

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Movie Review

On the Road Again

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Book of Eli.* Starring Denzel Washington and Gary Oldman. Directed by the Hughes Brothers. Running time: 120 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

There's a wonderful gift tucked away near the end of *The Book of Eli* — a scene between Gary Oldman, who played the title role in 1992's *Dracula,* and Tom Waits, who played his Renfield. As I recall, the two strange gentlemen never actually got to act together in *Dracula,* so their screen time together here eighteen years later is overdue good news for fans of that film. I sat there wondering if, while sitting on the set of *Eli,* they'd shared war stories from their separate time on *Dracula.* What I wasn't wondering was whether Waits' character, a Mr. Fix-It, would succeed in opening a locked and valuable item for Oldman's character, the scummy leader of a post-apocalyptic town. The actors' past was more compelling to me than their present that I was watching.

On a technical level, *The Book of Eli* is smooth and assured. It would almost have to be, with Allen and Albert Hughes (directing their first feature since 2001's *From Hell*) behind the camera, aided by veteran cinematographer Don Burgess, who practically achieves a black-and-white film in color, and an oddball but evocative score by Atticus Ross. High marks to all. It's the script, a first by Gary Whitta, that paints by the numbers and seems fed by too many post-bomb fantasies as well as the Sergio Leone movies, *Lone Wolf and Cub, Zatoichi,* and many others. Here we are again, after the big one drops, in the same bleached wasteland with the same scruffy, feral survivors.

At least Denzel Washington's iconic hero Eli still has his iPod (which still works, even though it needs occasional recharging — what a product placement for Apple). Eli wanders the wasteland, heading west, carrying his precious book. Oldman's character, Carnegie, wants the book; he feels it contains words that will give him greater control over people. (No, it's not *How to Win Friends and Influence People.*) A girl from Carnegie's town, the suspiciously unscruffy Solara (Mila Kunis), wants to tag along with Eli on the road. At one point they happen across a bizarre old couple (Michael Gambon and Frances de la Tour) whose idea of a turntable oldie is "Ring My Bell," which tells you how far in the future we are. (If it had been something by Lady Gaga, the whole movie might've been redeemed.)

Since this isn't a *muy serioso* post-apocalyptic piece like *The Road,* Eli gets in a lot of fights. He swings a mean sword, he's a pretty crack shot, and he seems able to shrug off bullets because he's "protected." By whom? Oh, the author of the book he's carrying. In fits and starts, *The Book of Eli* works as a dead-cool addition to the Lone Man Walks the Earth subgenre, though it cuts away too much to Oldman, overacting to alleviate his boredom, ranting to his doofus henchmen that he wants the book. We're told that all copies were destroyed, because the book started the war that ended in ashes. (No, it wasn't *Twilight,* with the battle between Team Edward and Team Jacob going nuclear.) My question: If the iPod is still around after the fire, why not audiobooks? The newer iPods even have book apps. If it had turned out that the book of Eli was actually tucked away on his iPod between Johnny Cash songs, it would've been a great finger in the eye to PC devotees; it would mean that divine power is on Steve Job's side. But again, this is what I'm thinking about instead of the worn premise. It sure is a slick piece of iconography, though; let's hope the Hughes brothers don't stay away so long next time, or, if they do, let's hope they spend some of that time looking for a better script.

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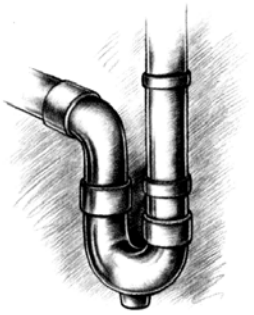
• **Annual Town Election** – The Annual Town Election will be held on Wednesday, **April 14**, 2010. Nomination papers are now available for candidates for the following positions: One Selectman, three years; one Highway Surveyor, three years; two Constables, three years; one Board of Health member, three years; one Board of Assessors member; three years, two Planning Board members, five years; two Library Trustees, three years; One Cemetery Commission member, three years; one Park Commission member, three years; one member of the Rochester Memorial School Committee, three years; one member of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee for three years. The last date for taking out nomination paper for this election is Wednesday, **February 24**, 2010. If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk's office at 508 763 3866.

Mattapoisett Taxes Due

Mattapoisett Town Collector Brenda Herbeck announces that the third quarter of the 2010 Actual Tax Bills are due **February 1**. Tax bills were mailed on December 31, 2009.

Taxpayers are encouraged to register for making on-line payments on the eBill website at www.mcc.net. By using eBill taxpayers can have their payments withdrawn from their checking or savings accounts at minimal cost. Taxpayers also can make payments on eBill with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards for a small service fee. Payments can be made using eBill until 11:59PM on the due date of February 1. Other options for taxpayers are to mail their payments to P.O. Box 1596 or deposit payments in the mail slot located near the back corner of Town Hall.

Payments are due in the Collector's Office no later than 4:00 pm on February 1, therefore, taxpayers should allow sufficient time for mail travel when mailing payments. If paying by personal online banking, taxpayers should allow sufficient time for the bank to generate a check and mail it to the Town. Taxpayers should supply sufficient information on the check identifying which bill should be credited with the payment.



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Please call the Collector's Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 1 for questions regarding payments. The Collector's Office is open for business Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Questions regarding property values and abatements should be directed to the Assessors' Office at 508-758-4100, ext. 3.

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights January 10-January 16

•Front St – Disturbance/arrest A&B
•Mill St – Medical emergency
•Wareham Rd – Annoying phone calls
•Marion Rd – Medical emergency
•Point Rd – Paper service
•Delano Rd – Vandalism
•Main St – Medical emergency
•Converse Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Crapo St – Medical emergency
•Cottage Lane – Structure fire
•Wareham Rd – Animal complaint
•Front St – Medical emergency
•Delano Rd – Animal complaint
•Wareham Rd – Suspicious persons
•Point Rd – Officer wanted
•Barnabas Rd – Burglar alarm
•Wareham Rd – Disturbance/family
•Register Rd – Animal complaint
•Cranberry Hwy-MVA/property
•Woodville Way – Medical emergency
•Front St – B&E in progress
•Joanne Dr – General service
•Point Rd – Fire alarm
•Point Rd – Officer wanted
•Jenney Ln – Burglar alarm
•Point Rd – General services
•Mill St – Motor vehicle stop
•Front St – Suspicious activity
•Rebecca Dr – Message delivery
•Dexter Ln - Fraud

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights January 11-January 17

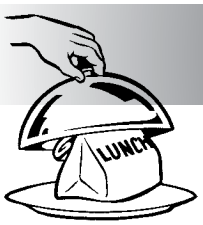
•Euclid Ave – Assist citizen
•Marion Rd – MV crash
•County Rd – General service
•Tinkham Ln – Ambulance request
•North St – Fire alarm
•Lebaron Way – Disabled motor vehicle
•Hitching Post Rd – Ambulance request
•Angelica Rd – Animal control
•Euclid Ave – General service
•Main St – Ambulance request
•County rd – Safety/road hazard
•Acushnet rd – Ambulance request
•Marion Rd – MV violations
•Holly Woods Rd – Alarm, burglar
•Winnatuxett Beach Rd – MV crash
•Marion Rd – MV violations
•Tinkham Ln – Alarm fire
•Bayberry Ln – Assist citizen
•Acushnet Rd – Suspicious motor vehicle
•Marion Rd – Traffic control
•Goodspeed Island – Animal control
•Kerwin Ave – Ambulance request
•Water St – Alarm, burglar
•Acushnet Rd – Property found
•Ryder Rd – Animal control
•Holly Ln – Summons service
•Industrial Dr – MV violations
•Chapel Rd – Radar assignment
•Oakland St – Parking violation
•Crestfield St - Vandalism

ROCHESTER

Log highlights January 9 – January 17

•Mary's Pond Rd – Assist other agency
•Quaker Ln – Fire, other
•Hartley Rd – Annoying phone calls
•Alley Rd – General services
•Pierce St – Ambulance request
•Cranberry Hwy – Traffic hazard
•Mendell Rd – Animal control
•Perry Hill – Assist other agency
•Neck Rd – Suspicious person
•Wordell St – Domestic disturbance, arrest
•Dexter Ln – Civil complaint
•Mattapoisett Rd – Alarm, burglar
•Sherri Ln – Animal control
•Dexter Ln – Motor vehicle accident
•Walnut Plain Rd – Disturbance
•County Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Neck Rd – Fire, other
•Estabook Way – Animal control
•Walnut Plain Rd – Motor vehicle stop
•Vaughn Hill Rd – Disturbance
•Cranberry Hwy – Injury on Duty
•Ryder Rd – Animal control
•New Bedford Rd – Utilities
•North Ave – General services
•High St – Assist citizen
•Wordell St – Animal control
•Dexter Ln – Complaint
•New Bedford Rd – Keep the peace
•Pierce St – Animal control
•County Rd – Ambulance request

Local Lunch Menus



COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday Jan 25: Beef rigatoni, Italian blend veg, whole wheat roll, peaches
Tuesday Jan 26: Beef bordelaise, boiled potatoes, Scandinavian blend veg, whole wheat bread, pudding
Wednesday Jan 27: High Sodium – Breaded chicken cutlet, penne w/tomato sauce, zucchini & tomatoes, scali bread, birthday cake, Diet: Graham waffle
Thursday Jan 28: Crunchy fish, Florentine rice, peas, multi grain roll, orange
Friday Jan 29: Sheppard's pie, mashed potatoes, carrots & cabbage, dinner roll, pears

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday Jan 25: Chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Jan 26: Cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Jan 27: Spaghetti w/ wo meat sauce, vegetable, roll, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Jan 28: Chicken footballs, potato wedges, green beans, Football cookie, choice of milk
Friday Jan 29: National Corn Chip Day: Sal's pizza, Frito corn ships, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday Jan 25: Popcorn chicken, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Jan 26: French toast sticks, lite sausage, hash brown, warm spiced apples, choice of milk
Wednesday Jan 27: Spaghetti w/ wo meatballs, bread stick, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Jan 28: Chicken patty on a roll, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Friday Jan 29: National Corn Chip Day: Sal's pizza, Frito corn ships, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Monday Jan 25: Chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Jan 26: Cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Jan 27: Spaghetti w/ wo meat sauce, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Jan 28: Chicken footballs, potato wedges, green beans, football cookie, choice of milk.
Friday Jan 29: National Corn Chip Day: Sal's pizza, Frito corn ships, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

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Monday Jan 25: Chicken nuggets, fries, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Tuesday Jan 26: Cheese quesadilla, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Wednesday Jan 27: Spaghetti w/ wo meat sauce, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk
Thursday Jan 28: Chicken footballs, potato wedges, green beans, football cookie, choice of milk.
Friday Jan 29: National Corn Chip Day: Sal's pizza, Frito corn ships, vegetable, fruit, choice of milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday Jan 25: Hot ham & cheese sub, chips, carrots, applesauce
Tuesday Jan 26: Sheppard's pie, bread, pears
Wednesday Jan 27: Chicken Caesar wrap, salad, mixed fruit.
Thursday Jan 28: Chow Mein sandwich, rice, mixed veggies, peaches
Friday Jan 29: Pizza, salad, fruit

Marion Art Center Winter News

Membership to the Marion Art Center is open to the public. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Members also receive discounts on theater and concert tickets, class tuitions and special events, as well as receiving the quarterly Newsletter, and invitations to gallery openings. Patrons are included in playbills and other publications. For more information, call the Marion Art Center office.

• **Rehearsals** have begun for *Rumors*, an adult comedy by Neil Simon, to be produced **March 5 – 13**, 2010. More information will follow.

• **Auditions** for *Imagine: an American Girl Musical Revue* to be produced **June 4, 5, and 6**, will be held on Sunday, March 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This family show calls for 2 men, 4 women, and 8 girls (ages 8 – 14). The production is made up of skits and songs based on the American Girl characters: Felicity, Josefina, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha and Molly. Wendy Bidstrup and Nancy Sparklin are the directors.

The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Admission is free. Membership is open to everyone interested in supporting, promoting and enjoying the visual and performing arts. For information call 508-748-1266 or visit www.marionartcenter.org.

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25 Procure
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27 Muslim deity
28 Select, with "for"
30 Pig — poke
31 Fluffy female
33 Driven novelist?
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45 Rush
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48 Big man on campus
50 Paris' pop
53 Driven humorist?
56 Shorten a skirt
58 Aquatic mammal
60 Trattoria treat
61 "L'—, c'est moi"
65 Longfellow subject
67 "Carmina Burana" composer
70 Take the tube
71 "Kidnapped" monogram
72 Prepares to dine
73 Part of EST
76 Driven actress?
80 Mushroom part
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83 Thompson or Salonga
84 — breve
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97 Driven actor?
101 Terra —
103 Lauder powder
106 Garment feature
107 Accomplished
108 Time to evolve?
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119 "— Nidre"
120 Pallid
121 Victorian wit
125 At attention
129 Sheik spot
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136 Real thing
137 Actress Skye
138 — mater
139 King or Satie
140 Gibbons of "Entertainment Tonight"
141 Rocker Rundgren
142 Parent
143 Dressing gown

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1 Piglet's papa
2 Prefix meaning "both"
3 Author Ephron
4 Mitch Miller's trademark
5 Remark from 31 Across
6 Role for Shirley
7 "Show Boat" song
8 It's often jumped
9 Chekhov's "The Cherry —"
10 — juice
11 Springfield's st.
12 Caruso or Corelli
13 Use a shuttle
14 Thwack
15 Monitor message
16 Contaminate
17 Moffo of the Met
21 Afternoon refresher
23 "Cactus Flower" star
24 Christen
29 Basilica bench
32 Richard of "Love Me Tender"
34 Hwy.
35 Beatles refrain
36 Cupid's missile
37 Legendary Colt Johnny
38 Have a ball at the mall
39 Buster Brown's dog
40 Some wines
41 Singing syllable
42 "— a Rebel" ('62 hit)
47 Sociologist Hite
49 Indira Gandhi's father
51 Tall story?
52 Maestro Zubin
54 Ike's domain
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59 Kind of file
62 — wave
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69 Cut loose
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114 Lyricist Johnny
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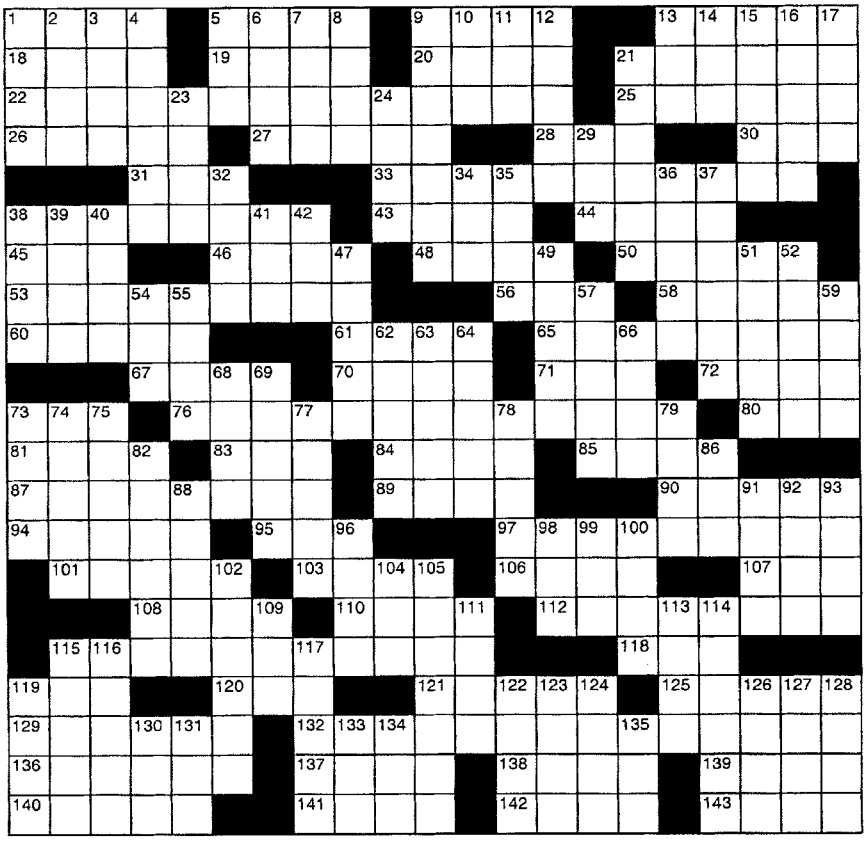

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint -- even if it's unpopular -- can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

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Nasketucket Bird Club

On **January 28**, at 7:00 pm the Nasketucket Bird Club will present its first program of the year – "Bird Talk" by Professor Allen Powers. He will present a conversation about Winter Birds, discussing the watching, listening and replying to birdcalls, as detailed in his interesting book, *Conversation With Birds*. Mr. Powers is a professor of English at Bristol Community College. The Nasketucket Bird Club meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Please use the south door entrance. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For more information, call the club president Mike LaBossiere at 508-863-5658.

Plumb Library News

• **Toddler Storytime** – There is still space available in the Toddler Storytime that takes place on Fridays at 10:30 am. Children ages 2 and 3, and their parents or caregivers enjoy stories, songs, an easy crafts, and a snack. Pre-registration is required, and Rochester residents have first preference. Call 508-763-8600 or drop by the library to register.

• **Just the Facts** – The "Just the Facts" non-fiction book group will meet on Monday, **January 25** at 6:30 pm. There is a variety of titles to be discussed at this meeting: *The Tyranny of Email* by John Freeman; *The Great Good Place*, by Ray Oldenburg; and *Better Together: Restoring the American Community*, by Robert D. Putnam. We will be discussing the effects of technology on communities, volunteering, leisure time, and social life in general. All are invited to attend. Books are available at the library, or

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CASE #634 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 4, 2010 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Fernando Sardinha, Trustee of Sardinha Family Trust, for a Special Permit under section 6.1 of the zoning by-law to allow a change of use to retail use for a florist business and uses ancillary thereto. The property, located at 454 Wareham Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 13 as Lot 51.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 01/14, 01/21

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE #635 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2010 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Melissa Talbot and Sherri Leo for a Variance from section 4 of the zoning by-law to allow a dwelling in the same building as principal non-residential use; and a Special Permit under section 4 of the zoning by-law to allow an office use in an existing structure.

The property, located at 313 Wareham Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 11 as Lot 76A.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 01/14, 01/21

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A student or employee who has a concern about discrimination or harassment should inform the principal or the Superintendent, who will take appropriate steps to attempt to resolve the situation, such as discussion with involved persons, identifying and questioning of witnesses, and other appropriate steps. In most cases, a resolution will be achieved. However, if it is determined that a hearing is warranted, a hearing will be held before the Superintendent of Schools or a person that he or she may designate.

The goals of the above grievance procedures are to resolve complaints in a fair and timely manner and to ensure compliance with nondiscriminatory practices. Additionally, reprisals or retaliation against any individual who reports on, or files a discrimination or harassment complaint is strictly prohibited.

If you wish to discuss your rights, would like further information, or want to obtain help in filing a complaint, you may contact William R. Cooper. The telephone number is (508) 758-2772. Any person having inquiries concerning the School District's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, ADA, or Chapter 622 is directed to contact William R. Cooper, who has been designated by the School District to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, ADA, and Chapter 622, or write to:
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John W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse
Room 222
Post Office Square
Boston, MA 02109 Amended June 26, 1995
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OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENCY UNION NO. 55
Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, Massachusetts
SPECIAL EDUCATION - NOTIFICATION OF CHILD FIND PROCEDURES

It is the responsibility of the Old Rochester Regional and Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester School Districts to identify any child who is a resident of the town, or who attends a private school within the district, for suspected disability in relation to special education eligibility (Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act or 603 CMR 28 Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).

The Old Rochester Regional and Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester School Districts are committed to locating children aged 3 through 21 who have disabilities which prevent them from making progress in school. The Old Rochester Regional School District provides a full continuum of special education services. Parents or public school professionals may refer a child for evaluation for special education eligibility if regular education interventions are not successful. Preschool screenings are available four times per year in the elementary schools in the Tri-Town area - look in local papers or call your elementary school for dates and times.

If you believe your child aged 3-21 should be evaluated to determine eligibility for special education services, please make your request to the principal of your neighborhood school. Please include your child's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and a brief description of concerns. A directory is provided below:

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Rosemary Bowman, Principal
Preschool through Grade 3
17 Barstow Street
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Old Hammondtown School
Matthew D'Andrea, Principal
Grade 4 through Grade 6
Shaw Street
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Old Rochester Regional Junior High School
James Gadbois, Assistant Principal
Grade 7 & 8
133 Marion Road
Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Old Rochester Regional High School
Michael Parker, Assistant Principal
Grades 9 through 12
135 Marion Road
Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Our Director of Student Services and our principals are available to answer questions, and we invite your comments about special education in any of our schools. Any parents or members of the community who would like to have input into our planning for special education should call the Director of Student Services at 508-758-2772 x1942, or should plan to attend a meeting of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Additionally, the Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Old Rochester Regional School Districts have openings for chairpersons. Please contact the Director of Student Services at the above listing if you are interested in serving on or chairing your town's Parent Advisory Council.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these laws and how they affect your children, please do not hesitate to contact your local principal or the Student Services Office. Anyone may obtain copies of special education laws and regulations from the Department of Education, 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148-5023.

For further information about student services, go to http://www.oldrochester.org and click on "Special Education." 01/21

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:45 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the request of the Sardinha Family Trust to amend a Special Permit and Site Plan approval previously approved by the Board. The amendments will consist of a change in the background color of a sign. The property is located at 450 Wareham Street and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 13, Lot 49. A letter regarding the request is on file with the Planning Board and available during normal Town Hall business hours.
Thomas Magauran, Chairman
Joseph Napoli, Vice-Chairman 01/14, 01/21

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bring your own on the topic.

• **Café Parlez** – In 2010, Cafe Parlez, the monthly book discussion group, will be going to the movies. Each book this year has been made into a movie, and participants can read the book and/or watch the movie. January's book is *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer. This story about Chris McCandless who gave up all of his possessions and walked alone into the Alaskan wilderness to invent a new life for himself, was made into a film in 2007. We will discuss this book and movie on Thursday, **January 28** at 6:30 pm. Books (both print and audio) and copies of the movie are available at the desk, or you can bring your own copy.

• **The Genealogy Club** meets every Thursday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the library. If you are interested in researching your family history, or in looking into some aspect of local history, drop by the library to meet with the local historians.

For more information on these or any programs at the library, call 508-763-8600 or email info@plumblibrary.com.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

• **We're on Overdrive!** Are you interested in downloading books and music to your computer or MP3 player but not sure how? Stop by the library and ask the staff about the SAILS network's Overdrive ebooks. You can also visit the library's website www.mattapoisettlibrary.org for access to the SAILS database. Click on Digital Books to see the hundreds of titles available for free--be sure to have your library card handy to log on and check out books and audio items.

• **Lego Club** – Meetings of the Library's Lego Club will kick off in March on a Saturday afternoon! Until then, donations of Duplos and Legos are needed. Have a Lego table you no longer need? Lego fans who would like to display their creations are welcome to speak with Mrs. Burke in the Children's Department.

• **New Museum Pass** – The library will be offering passes to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Boston beginning in January, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. For more details check the library's website at mattapoisettlibrary.org and the website for the museum, icaboston.org. Wonderful exhibits, lectures and programs and gifts should more than make the trip worthwhile! Many museum passes are available through the library. Why not brighten those short days of winter with a museum trip? Visit the library or check the website to make reservations with your library card. Need help or have a question? Call the staff! 508-758-4171.

The library is located at 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. For additional information you may phone the library at 508-758-4171.

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Elizabeth Taber Library

• **Women in History** – The Elizabeth Taber Library presents Women in History, a Thinking Allowed Productions' DVD interview of Gerda Lerner, based on her Women and History work: *The Creation of Patriarchy* (Part I) and the *Creation of Feminist Consciousness* (Part II). This program has grown out of Women Sharing Words, a writing group that meets at, and is sponsored by the Elizabeth Taber Library. This DVD presentation will be held at the Elizabeth Taber Library on **January 22** with a snow date of February 5 at 7:00 pm. Discussion and refreshments will follow.

The creative writing group, Women Sharing Words, has been meeting on the second and fourth Friday of the month since last spring and is open to women who

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Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester, Massachusetts
PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Students or residents planning to attend Bristol County Agricultural High School or Diman Regional Vocational School, or post secondary vocational programs from the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett or Rochester

General Laws Chapter 74, Section 7 guarantee a student the right to a vocational education in the subject area of his/her choice. If a student resides in a city or town which does not offer an approved Chapter 74 program in the chosen subject area (either at the comprehensive high school or at a regional vocational school to which the city or town belongs), the student may apply to another vocational school which offers the program. The student must be accepted by the vocational school. The student must make their intention to attend such a school known to the Superintendent of Schools by April 1 of the preceding school year. This notice applies to the 2010-2011 school year.

Parents of secondary school children planning to attend such a school should contact the school authorities. At the Old Rochester Regional High School, contact Michael Devoll, Principal, at 758-3745. At the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, contact Kevin Brogioli, Principal, at 758-4928.

Post-high school residents should make their requests in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 by February 1 of the preceding school year.
William R. Cooper, Superintendent of Schools
Old Rochester Regional School District
Massachusetts School Superintendency Union #55
01/21

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 Waterways License Application
Number W09-2835/TM#X226411
Edgewater Bog Realty Trust
NOTIFICATION DATE: JANUARY 26, 2010

Public notice is hereby given of the Waterways application by Edgewater Bog Realty Trust to maintain existing pump house, lift pump, 24 inch CMP, flume, dike with rip rap and wood dock, at 0 Gerrish Road, in the municipality of Rochester in and over flowed waters of Snipatuit Pond. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application recieved by within 30 days subsequent to the "Notificiation Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citzens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

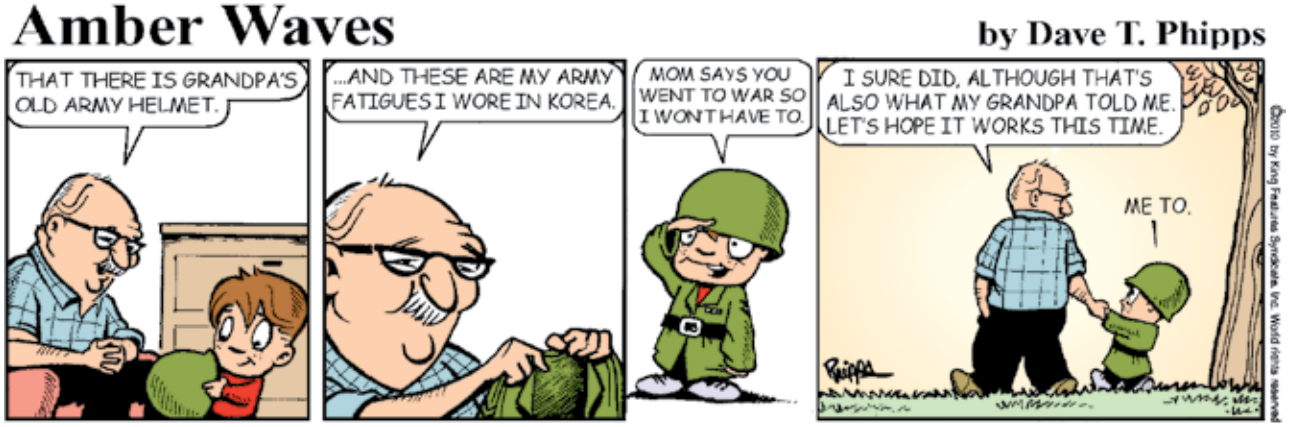
Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Regulation Program at 508-946-2734. Project plans and documents for this application are on file with the Waterways Regulation Program for public viewing, by appointment only, at the address below.

Writen comments must be addressed to: Carlos Gragata, Envronmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 01/21

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
The Town of Mattapoisett, is seeking a qualified individual to oversee certain repair work at the Old Hammondtown School. Work would entail meeting with prospective contractors, writing detailed description of tasks to be performed, and review of proposals for responsiveness and cost. Work would also include development of an agreement for services and oversight of work for quality and completness. Selected candidate should have experience in projects involving work such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and carpentry. Interested candidates should submit a history of experience, references and compensation requirements. Work would be as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the Town. Please submit your proposal to Michael Gagne at the Town Administrator's Office, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett no later that 4:00pm on February 3, 2010. Questions can be addressed by calling 508-758-4100 ext. 220. 01/21

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on January 25, 2010 at 7:05 pm, on the petition of Verizon New England, Inc. and NSTAR Electric Company, who are seeking permission to locate two new poles, wires, cables and fixtures including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures on Ryder Road. This petition is necessary in order to provide access to a new bus-division.
Richard D. Nunes, Chairman 01/14, 01/21

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the Special Permit application of the Patricia Shaw Revocable Trust, Nancy Johnson, and Gregory Johnson under Sections 2.3.3, 4.2, 7.2, 7.4.5, 7.4.6, and 8.5.4 of the Marion Zoning Bylaw to allow the construction of a pier to be utilized as an association pier. The property is located at 406 and 404 Point Road and is identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 2, Lots 16 and 16A.
Thomas Magauran, Chairman
Joseph Napoli, Vice-Chairman 01/14, 01/21



want to meet with other women to share the power of writing.

• **Winter Programs 2010** – Every day during the winter has Drop-In Crafts in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities.

• **Tales for Twos** – An 8-week series of story times for children between the ages of 24 and 39 months runs through **February 24**. The half-hour of stories, finger plays and crafts will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. Children must be two years old by January 1, 2010 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library, or e-mailing Rosemary Grey at rgrey@sailsinc.org.

• **Story Time** – A story time for children between the ages of 3 and 5 runs through the week of **February 15**. Children are invited to enjoy stories, finger plays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:30. Pre-registration is required.

• **Lap-Sit** – A program for babies from birth through 23 months and their caregivers, runs through **February 23**. Each Tuesday morning program begins at 10:30 and includes a 20-minute "story time" followed by 20 minutes of socializing. One child per lap, please.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is located at 8 Spring Street in Marion. The phone number is 508-748-1252. More program information can be found on the library's website at www.sailsinc.org/Marion.

Mattapoisett Toastmaster Receives Award

Patricia McPartland, a resident of Mattapoisett, was honored with Toastmasters International's highest award, Distinguished Toastmaster, by District 31 of Toastmasters International during the Toastmasters District 31 Fall Conference, which was held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 in Dedham.

Ms. McPartland, a member of the New Bedford Whaling City Toastmasters Club, was presented with a plaque and a medal at the conference.

The DTM award is the highest level of recognition a Toastmaster can receive. To receive the DTM award, a member must complete both communication and leadership tracks, which means that a member has had more than forty speeches evaluated by other members and has served in multiple leadership positions within Toastmasters.

Ms. McPartland, who has over twenty years of experience as an executive director, educator, administrator, workforce development professional, grant specialist, and event planner, has been active in Toastmasters for five years.

Toastmasters International is a worldwide nonprofit organization that encourages and helps members become more experienced and comfortable in front of an audience. Organization members generally meet weekly, where participants learn and practice public speaking skills, such as delivering a prepared speech or demonstrating an impromptu performance. Developed members often utilize the skills learned from Toastmasters to make significant contributions in their careers, in their churches and communities, and indeed contribute to nation building, and the development of humanity.

Habitat For Cats Adoption Day

Habitat for Cats is holding a Cat/Kitten Adoption Day on Sunday, **January 24** from 12:00 to 3:00 pm at 1322 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford.

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Remember to check The Wanderer each week so you will know who to wish a "Happy Birthday!"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Marion Family Ice-Skating

Family ice-skating time at the Tabor Academy Ice Rink for the 2009/2010 season will be from noon to 2:00 pm on the following dates: **January 24, 31**, and **February 7, 14, 18, 21**, and **28**. The cost of admission is $3 per person.

Skate at your own risk! Hats, gloves and skates are required for anyone who is on the ice. Helmets are required for inexperienced skaters and children under six.

Participants Wanted for 2010 Green Fair

TEAMS and TRWA are seeking individuals and businesses that would like to display their environmentally friendly services or products at our 2010 Green Fair scheduled for Saturday, **March 20**, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Colony Vocational Technical High School at 476 North Avenue in Rochester. Space is limited. Anyone interested, please contact TEAMS at teams-info@hotmail.com and check us out at www.teams-on-web.org.

As an exhibitor you can have a positive impact on our environment. Join us as we focus on what we do in our own homes and back yards and the impacts our actions have on the health of our watersheds and the global environment.

Volunteers to help plan the Green Fair or lend a hand on the day of the Fair are always welcomed. If you are interested, please contact us through the email provided above as well.

The theme of our fourth annual Green Fair and this year's Photo Contest is "Nature in Transition." Photo Contest winners will have their photos displayed prominently at the Green Fair. For details and rules about

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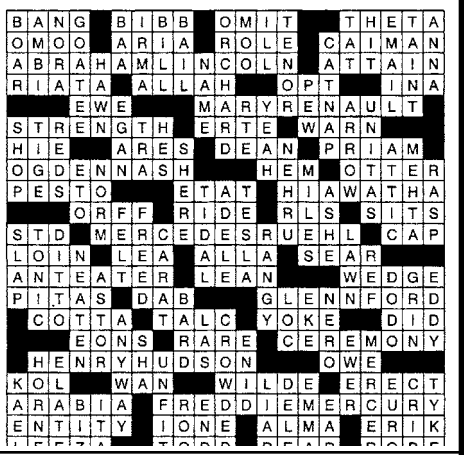

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Cape Cod Half-Marathon

The 2010 Cape Cod Half-Marathon Trilogy Race Series kicks off on **February 28** at the Hyannis Half Marathon in Hyannis, Massachusetts. This is the second half-marathon in the series called "Great Hyannis."

The "Johnny Kelley Half-Marathon" will also take place in Hyannis, Massachusetts on **May 28** during the Memorial Day weekend. The Half-Marathon honors the great marathoner, Johnny Kelley, who won the Boston Marathon twice.

The inaugural 2009 Cape Cod Half-Marathon Trilogy Race Series was a huge success. Information on the 2010 series, including who raced all three marathons in 2009 and who won or placed in the top ten in 2009, can be found at www.baevents.com.

Hospice Annual Spaghetti Supper

The 12th annual Community Nurse and Hospice Care's Spaghetti Supper will be held on Saturday, **January 30** from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier School at 223 Main Street in Acushnet. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children under 12 years old and may be purchased in advance or at the door.

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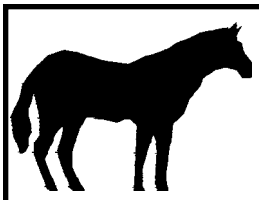

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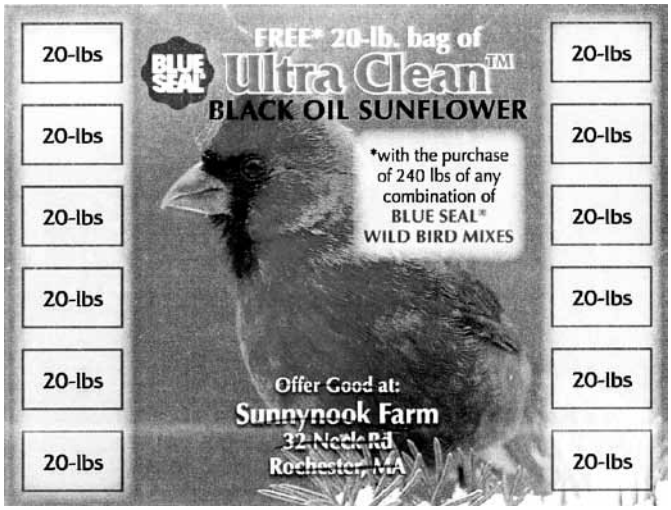

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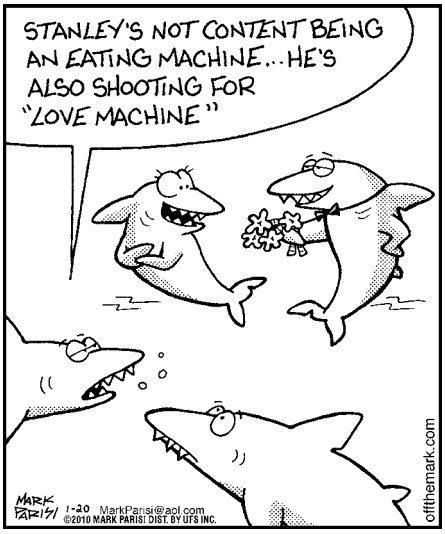

dipping sauce, salad, dessert and beverages! This fun evening out will also include a 50/50 raffle and a chance auction with over 25 prizes! All proceeds from this event will benefit the patients and families of the agency's Hospice Program.

Community Nurse and Hospice Care is dependent upon donations and fundraisers to support their hospice program. As you may imagine, terminal illness is challenging to both patients and their families. The agency is committed to not only providing medical care, comfort and dignity to hospice patients, but also to offsetting the financial burden that families may endure after health insurance reimbursements have been exhausted.

The proceeds raised from this event will be used to care for hospice patients including the cost of the hospice staff, medical equipment and supplies, medications, and bereavement support not covered by health insurance.

For tickets or more information, please contact Linda Quinn, Fundraising Coordinator, at 508-992-6278, lquinn@communitynurse.com, or 508-992-6591 (fax). For more specifics about Community Nurse and Hospice Care, please refer to www.communitynurse.com.

Gallery X

Call for art with the theme of "Sex at the X". Submission fees are $35 for 3 pieces or $15 per piece. Drop off dates are **January 27 - 31**, 11:00 – 3:00 pm. The exhibit will take place from **February 3 – February 27**, with a reception on Saturday, **February 6**, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm.

• The **Audible Think** Improvised Music Series at Gallery X returns for the 2009/2010 season with performances on the third Wednesday of each month from February to May. The series presents improvised music, jazz, avant-garde, and original compositions by musicians from around the region and those on tour.

This series, directed by Andy McWain and presented by Gallery X, a local/regional artist cooperative and gallery, is made possible, in part, with the support of a Whaling City Sound grant. A special thanks to Neal Weiss for his support.

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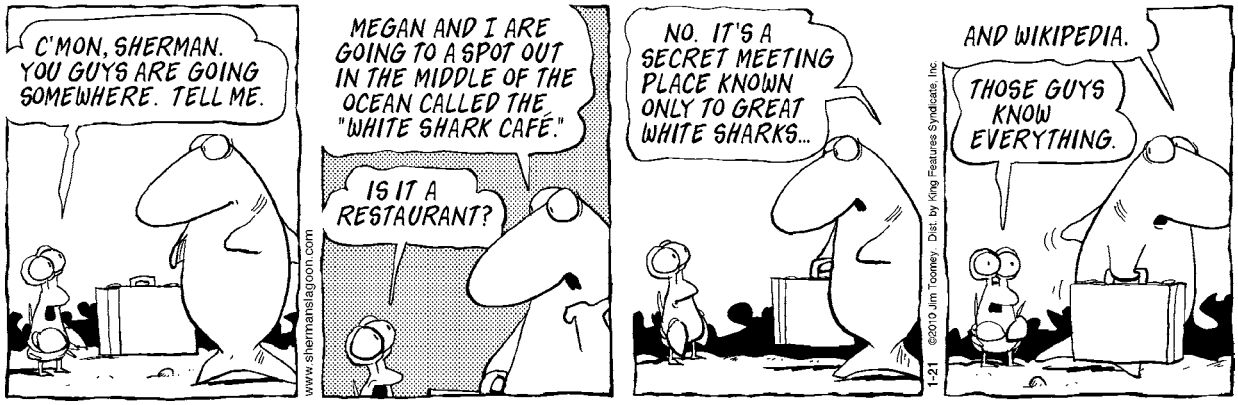

This month's Audible Think takes place on December 16 at 7:30 pm. $5 suggested donation.

• **Lore Lounge** – Live soul, jazz and spoken-word is featured at Lore Lounge, which is an alcohol-free show with live jazz and soul, hosted by Phillip Aaron, Mwalim and The Bass Mint Bros with featured spoken-word artists, singers and open mic. This program meets the fourth Friday of each month at 8:30 pm. The suggested donation for Lore Lounge is $5. More info call 508-566-6269 or email mgmulti@gmail.com.

Gallery X is located at 169 William Street, in the heart of New Bedford's Upper William Street Arts District in the historic 1855 First Universalist Church. Our hours are Wednesday thru Sunday from 11:00 – 3:00 pm, and on the second Thursday of every month from 5:00 – 9:00 pm with exhibits and programming as one of the venues for AHA!

Gallery X is a contemporary art gallery of visual, performing, and literary artists, which promotes a mission of cultural outreach through community partnerships, educational programs, and monthly exhibits. Gallery X is a non–profit, tax–exempt organization. Visit us online: www.galleryx.org.

Old Colony Nature Photo Contest

The 2010 Green Fair to take place **March 20** from 10:00 to 4:00 pm at Old Colony Vocational Technical High School in Rochester, sponsored by The Environmental Advocates for Massachusetts, Southeast (TEAMS) and the Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA), is having a photo contest. This year the winning photo will represent "Nature in Transition."

Were you ever inspired by that moment as a butterfly emerged from a cocoon? Or as the ice began to glaze over in a cranberry bog? Have you enjoyed migratory birds taking to the sky? Show us what natural events inspired you and share that with others!

The rules are simple: No more than two entries per person. Each entry must be an 8 x 10 photograph, un-framed and un-matted. Each entry should represent the theme of "Nature in Transition" and must be taken somewhere within Southeastern Massachusetts. Be sure to list your name, address, telephone number, email, where and when the photo was taken on the back of your photo. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to allow TEAMS to reserve the right to use any and all contest entries for educational and promotional purposes only.

Entries must be submitted by **March 3**. You may mail your photograph to TEAMS, PO Box 898, Lakeville, MA 02347. Drop off locations will be available by January 4. If you are mailing your entry, we recommend you protect the photo(s). Photos will not be returned.

The winning photo will be displayed prominently at the Green Fair on Saturday, March 20 between 10 and 4:00 pm. If you have any questions about the contest, please email TEAMS at teams-info@hotmail.com or check out our website at www.teams-on-web.org.

Admission to the Green Fair 2010, in our fourth year, is free. Join us and you will learn how the actions of individuals like yourself can impact the health (water flow and volume, cleanliness, wildlife viability) of our watershed and our global environment in general. Learn how to have a positive effect on our environment. Join us at the Fair.

TEAMS welcomes participants desiring to display environmental friendly products or services, or watershed-oriented studies or projects and volunteers willing to lend a hand on the day of the 2010 Green Fair. Please contact TEAMS at teams-info@hotmail.com. Space is limited so please reserve ASAP. For additional information about TEAMS or the 2010 Green Fair, visit our website www.teams-on-web.org. For information on TRWA please visit www.savethetaunton.org.

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January 22:	Fri.	. . .	12:21	5:31	5:42
January 23:	Sat.	12:43	1:13	6:31	6:36
January 24:	Sun.	1:37	2:11	7:53	7:41
January 25:	Mon.	2:39	3:16	9:19	8:49
January 26:	Tues.	3:47	4:23	10:24	9:53
January 27:	Wed.	4:54	5:24	11:20	10:52
January 28:	Thurs.	5:53	6:20	. . .	12:09
January 29:	Fri.	6:46	7:12	12:01	12:59
January 30:	Sat.	7:37	8:03	12:47	1:45
January 31:	Sun.	8:27	8:53	1:43	2:28
February 1:	Mon.	9:18	9:45	2:36	3:09
February 2:	Tues.	10:08	10:37	3:27	3:49
February 3:	Wed.	11:00	11:30	4:17	4:29
February 4:	Thurs.	11:53	. . .	5:09	5:12
February 5:	Fri.	12:25	12:48	6:11	6:00
February 6:	Sat.	1:22	1:45	7:56	7:02
February 7:	Sun.	2:24	2:48	9:26	8:22

Phases of the Moon

First Quarter	January 23rd
Full Moon	January 30th
Last Quarter	February 5th
New Moon	February 14th

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Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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